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2013 Annual Town Report



Town of Belchertown

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Annual Town Report of the Town Officers



for the

Town of Belchertown

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About the cover:

~ WINTER SNOW ON THE BANKS OF THE SWIFT RIVER ~

Photo submitted by Gregory Bertsch of Belchertown.

2013 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2014
Ellen Lachance	5/2014

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Monika Schrauder	5/2013
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2014
Carol Wagner (appt 1/11/12)	5/2014
Mary Olberding	5/2016

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

*(Charter change reduced number of representatives for
Belchertown from 3 to 2 effective 5/20/2013)*

Donald L. Minney	5/2013
Kyle Vincent	5/2016
William R. Barnett	5/2016

Board of Assessors

Thomas A. Barry	5/2014
Donald L. Minney	5/2015
Raymond G. Goff	5/2016

Board of Health

Sean J. Cleary	5/2014
Robert B. Hutchinson	5/2014
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2015
Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2016
Gary R. Racicot	5/2016

Housing Authority

F. Knowlton Utley	5/2013
Tracey L. Thompson (resigned 7/15/13)	5/2015
Sally M. Dodge (resigned 7/15/13)	5/2014
George E. Dion (appt 8/12/13)	5/2014
Sandra S. Haigh (appt 8/12/13)	5/2014
Martina D. Robinson	5/2016
Chantel M. Mallalieu (elected 5/20/13)	5/2018
Vacant (State Mbr)	

Moderator

Frances J. South	5/2014
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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Lorraine F. Alves	11/2015
Francesco Dell'Olio	11/2017

Planning Board

Mark H. Andrews (resigned 5/14/13)	5/2016
Daniel R. Beaudette (appt 6/24/13)	5/2014
James J. Natle	5/2014
George R. Synan	5/2015
Christopher Laurenzo	5/2017
Louis Faassen	5/2018

School Committee

Beverly S. Phaneuf	5/2013
Eric L. Weiss (resigned 7/1/13)	5/2014
Linda J. Tsoumas	5/2014
Michael J. Knapp (appt 6/18/13)	5/2014
Clare Popowich	5/2015
Richard J. Fritsch	5/2015
Myndi B. Bogdanovich (elected 5/20/13)	5/2016

Board of Selectmen

Brenda Q. Aldrich	5/2014
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2015
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2015
George D. Archible	5/2016
William R. Barnett	5/2016

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2015
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2013 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

Matthew J. Kotowski – Assoc Mbr	6/30/13
Hope Guardenier	6/30/13
John White – Assoc Mbr	6/30/14
Grace Adzima	6/30/14
Will Shattuck	6/30/14
Alan Page	6/30/15
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/16
Susan Gay (appt 8/12/13)	6/30/16

Animal Control Advisory Board

Audrey Safford	6/30/14
Brian Breveleri	6/30/14
Carol Kasabian	6/30/14
Marlene Layman	6/30/15
Sonya Hawkins	6/30/15
Nicole A. Miner	6/30/16
Carol Mae Wagner	6/30/16

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/14
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Assistant Animal Control Officer

Angela Gaj (<i>resigned 10/9/13</i>)	4/30/14
Janet Lipscomb	4/30/14
Carla Brooks	4/30/14
Terry Chevalier (<i>appt 11/13/12</i>)	4/30/14
Samantha Clay (<i>appt 11/13/12</i>)	4/30/14

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/13
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Belchertown Casino Task Force Committee

Douglas Albertson (<i>appt 3/11/13</i>)	
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Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/14
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Belchertown's Community**Emergency Response Coordinator**

Edward F. Bock	
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Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency**Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)**

Edward F. Bock	
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Community Preservation Committee

Edwina Cruise - At-Large Mbr	6/30/13
Megan Manitsas – Recreation	6/30/15
Commission (<i>per 5/13/2013 Town Meeting</i> <i>Vote-current Recreation Commission</i> <i>dissolved</i>)	
Tracey Thompson – Housing	6/30/15
Authority (<i>resigned 7/8/13</i>)	
James Natle - Planning Board	6/30/14
Judy Healy	6/30/14
Betsy Loughran - At-Large Member	6/30/15
Linda Leduc Conservation Comm.	6/30/15
Leslie Squires - Historical Comm.	6/30/15
Martina Robinson – Housing	6/30/15
Authority (<i>appt 11/7/13</i>)	
Peg Louraine – Recreation	6/30/15
Committee (<i>appt 12/12/2013</i>)	
Megan Manitsas – At-Large Member	6/30/16
(<i>Change from Recreation Mbr 6/30/13</i>)	
Geoff Farrington – At-Large Member	6/30/16

Conservation Commission

Polly Prunuske – Associate Member	6/30/14
Eric Wojtowicz – Associate Member	6/30/14
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/14
Linda Leduc	6/30/14
David M. Haines	6/30/15
Michael Cavatorta	6/30/15
Jon M. Clements	6/30/15
Edward T. Knight	6/30/16
John Henry	6/30/16

Council on Aging

Thomas Soja	6/30/13
Sandra Farron	6/30/14
Maureen Guzik	6/30/14
Alfred Roccati	6/30/15
Donna M. Bozoglos	6/30/15
George E. Dion	6/30/15
Lois J. Dorn	6/30/16
James Dowling	6/30/16

Cultural Council

Matt Grillo	6/30/14
Claudia Bermudez	6/30/14
Jennifer Meighan	6/30/14
Timothy Kennedy	6/30/14
Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/15
Bruce Klockars	6/30/15
Lew Holzman	6/30/15
Carey Southwick-Fink (<i>appt 10/28/13</i>)	6/30/16
Cathy Hews (<i>appt 12/16/13</i>)	6/30/16

DIF Committee

Gary Brougham - Town Administrator	
Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer	
Douglas Albertson - Planner	
John Whelihan – Assessor	
Loy Harris - EDIC	
Paul Silva – Finance Committee	

Economic Development &**Industrial Corporation (EDIC)**

Ken Dorey - Low Income Seat	6/30/14
Juanita M. Hollar – Real Estate	6/30/14
Kirk Stephens - At-Large Seat	6/30/15
Robert Rivard – Industrial Seat	6/30/15
Beth Maroney – Financial Seat	6/30/16
Jonathan Spiegel - At-Large Seat	6/30/16
William A. Terry - Govt. Seat	6/30/16

EMS Department

Richard Blomstrom – Part-Time EMT	6/30/13
Mike Neiford – Part-Time EMT	6/30/13
Jonathan T. Smith – Part Time EMT	6/30/14
John Hawley – Part-Time EMT	6/30/14
Kate O'Connor – Part-Time EMT	6/30/14

EMS Department – continued

James E. Beauregard –Part-Time EMT	6/30/14
Matt Rivest – Part-Time EMT	6/30/14

Fair Committee

Marguerite Brennen	6/30/14
Kevin Brown	6/30/14
Mark Nute	6/30/14
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/14
Cindy Brown	6/30/14
Carla Chaisson	6/30/14
Scott Brown	6/30/14
William Austin	6/30/14
Wendy Chevalier	6/30/14
Shawn Lindholm	6/30/14
Sandra L. Brougham	6/30/14

Belchertown Family Center

Kristin Balboni (appt 6/10/2013)	6/30/14
Stephen Manioudakis (appt 2/26/13)	6/30/15
Lisa Rainaud (appt 5/28/13)	6/30/15
April Czupryna	6/30/16
Dr. Gary Circosta	6/30/16

Finance Committee

Mary Olberding	6/30/13
Paul M. Silva	6/30/14
Kyle Vincent	6/30/14
Kate DeCou	6/30/15
Steven Rose	6/30/16
Lynne Raymer (appt 7/1/13)	6/30/16

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County Local**Emergency Planning Committee**

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's**Electric Cooperative Committee**

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments**Burial Agent**

William R. Barnett	6/30/13
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Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf – Director of Public Health	6/30/13
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Charles Cavagnaro, M.D.	6/30/13
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Inspector of Animal

Thomas Flebotte	4/30/14
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Historical Commission

Kim Libucha	6/30/13
Melissa Wonkka	6/30/13
Leslie Squires	6/30/14
Erika A. Hamilton	6/30/14
Sue Fulton	6/30/14
Maxine H. Oland	6/30/15
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/15
Richard Keating (appt 4/22/13)	6/30/16

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/14
Denise Smith-Historic Assoc Seat	6/30/15
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect	6/30/15
Thomas Stockton – Resident/Property Owner Member	6/30/16

Housing Needs and Assessment Committee

Matthew Charette (resigned 9/23/13)	6/30/14
David D'Amours (resigned 9/23/13)	6/30/14
Marcia Jakubasz (appt 7/8/13; resigned 12/2/13)	6/30/16
Sandra Dunbar (resigned 11/1/13)	6/30/15
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	6/30/15

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/14
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/14
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Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/13
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Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/13
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Inspectors of Wiring

Mitchell Staszko	6/30/14
Brian Varney	6/30/14
Douglas Rae	6/30/14

Lakes Committee

Tilo Schiffer – Recreation Rep	6/30/13
Paul O. Reyes (resigned 9/20/13)	6/30/14
LeeAnne Connolly –Conserv. Rep	6/30/14
Jenicca Gallagher (appt 11/12/13)	6/30/14
Kathi Smith	6/30/15
Bonnie Strickland	6/30/16
Cathy Leblond, Recreation Rep. (appt 10/15/13)	6/30/16

Lake Wallace/Foley Field Committee

Edward Sokolowski, Recreation	6/30/15
Commission (<i>per 5/13/2013 Town Meeting Vote-current Recreation Commission dissolved</i>)	
Eric Weiss, School Committee	6/30/14
Belchertown Land Trust	
Brenda Q. Aldrich, Selectman	6/30/16
David Haines, Conservation	6/30/16

Memorial Committee

Janet M Jourdain (<i>resigned 6/30/13</i>)	6/30/14
Raymond Janke (<i>appt 10/28/13</i>)	6/30/14
Edward T. Knight	6/30/15
William Bowen	6/30/15
Leslie Squires	6/30/16
George (Archie) Archible	6/30/16

Personnel Board

Richard J. Fritsch	6/30/13
Simon James	6/30/14
Katharine Higgins-Shea	6/30/15
Noah Pefaur	6/30/15
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	6/30/15

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Robert Wojtczak (<i>appt 8/26/13</i>),	6/30/14
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Police Candidate Review Committee

John Drawec (<i>resigned 1/8/13</i>)	Final Report
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Bruce Jenks	6/30/14
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/14
William A. Panto	6/30/14
Steven Henn	6/30/14

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

James Daniels (<i>resigned 8/14/13</i>)	6/30/14
Edward H. Oey	6/30/14
Valerie Cote	6/30/14
Adam Brougham	6/30/14
Neil Lozier	6/30/14
John Raymer	6/30/14

Police Officers – Full-Time continued...

Jason Krol	6/30/14
Jacob Strange	6/30/14
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/14
David Williams	6/30/14
Jason Christofori	6/30/14
Michael Roney	6/30/14
Michael Beaupre	6/30/14
Robert Mann (<i>appt 8/26/13</i>)	6/30/14

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

Jeff Koreman (<i>resigned 8/14/13</i>)	6/30/14
Brian Ellithorpe (<i>resigned 12/2/13</i>)	6/30/14
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/14
Benjamin Beaver	6/30/14
Edward Smith	6/30/14
Justin Roy	6/30/14
David Conkey	6/30/14
Jeremiah McBride	6/30/14
Sean Noonan	6/30/14
Robert Mann	6/30/14
Luke Rennie	6/30/14
Ryan Johnson	6/30/14
Courtney Call	6/30/14
Michael Jablonski (<i>appt 8/26/13</i>)	6/30/14

Auxiliary Police Officers

Courtney L. Call (<i>appt PT Officer, 7/1/13</i>)	6/30/13
Ryan Johnson	6/30/13
Justin Roy	6/30/13
Stephen Lent	6/30/13
Megan R. Williamson	6/30/13
Michael Jablonski	6/30/14
Joseph M. Boyle	6/30/14
Timothy Hulse	6/30/14
Robert Ivey	6/30/14
Steven Moore	6/30/14
Jared LaValle	6/30/14
Kristy Donahue	6/30/14

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission)**Joint Transportation Committee**

Steven J. Williams	6/30/14
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/14
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/14

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission)**Representatives**

George Synan (appt 7/24/13)	6/30/14
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/14

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/14
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Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/14
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Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce**Regional Economic Development**

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee

Richard Steiner

Recreation Commission

5/13/2013 Annual Town Meeting Vote changed
Commission to Committee & all current member terms
expired 6/30/13

Yosef Nimni – Assoc Member	6/30/13
Tilo Schiffer – Assoc Member	6/30/13
Kelly A. Harris	6/30/13
Edward Sokolowski	6/30/13
Shannon Synan	6/30/13
Megan Manitsas	6/30/13
Karen Corey	6/30/13
Andrew French	6/30/13
Nick O'Connor	6/30/13

Recreation Committee

5/13/13 Annual Town meeting vote re-established the
Recreation Committee with new members to be appointed

Tilo Schiffer (appt 9/9/13)	6/30/14
Nancy Kwiatkowski (appt 9/9/13)	6/30/15
William Vosburgh (appt 9/9/13)	6/30/15
Chris Daley (appt 9/9/13)	6/30/16
Peg Louraine (appt 9/9/13)	6/30/16

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

Regional Economic Development Commission**Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional****Economic Target Area**

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Regional Casino Impact Study Committee

Michael Reardon
Gerald Grasso - Alternate Mbr

Registrars of Voters

William R. Barnett	5/21/15
Clara M Very	3/31/14
Linda E. Barron	3/31/15
Marycatherine Knight	3/31/16

Assistant Registrars of Voters

, Belchertown High School

Precinct Coordinator

Clair Partridge	8/31/14
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Election Officers – Precinct A

Judy A. Scott (Warden)	8/31/14
Robert J. Hansbury (Clerk)	8/31/14

Election Officers – Precinct B

Elizabeth A. Griffin (Warden)	8/31/14
Christina M. Aponte (Clerk)	8/31/14

Election Officers – Precinct C

Clair E. Partridge(Warden)	8/31/13
Carol B. Walker	8/31/14
Paul Geoffroy	8/31/14

Election Officers – Precinct D

Michael J. Griffin (Warden)	8/31/14
Jacqueline L. Como (Clerk)	8/31/14

Rent Control Board

Simon James	6/30/14
Donald Minney	6/30/15

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Heidi Dufresne (appt 4/22/13)	6/30/14
Judith Houle	6/30/14
Simon R. James	6/30/14
Clare Popowich	6/30/14
Theresa Przybylowicz	6/30/14
Sharon Barnett	6/30/14
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/14

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/14
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Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Skate Park Committee

(3/11/13-Selectmen reduced members to 5)

Gino Brunetti (appt rescinded 12/2/13)	6/30/15
Michelle Ricker	6/30/14
Thomas Hussey (appt 3/11/13)	6/30/14
Nancy Voyer	6/30/15
Beth Adams	6/30/16

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

George (Archie) Archible
 Suzanne Bay
 James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams 6/30/14

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner Final Report
 Gary Brougham, Town Admin. Final Report
 LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Commission Final Report
 John Whelihan, Director of Assessments Final Report
 Steven Williams, DPW Director Final Report

Technology Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno 6/30/14
 Lew Louraine 6/30/14
 Yosef Yimni 6/30/14
 Michael Zoufaly 6/30/14
 Cynthia Caporale (appt 7/29/13) 6/30/14

Trail Stewardship Council

LeeAnne Connolly - Town Rep. 6/30/14
 Jane Bryden - Landowner Rep. 6/30/14
 Douglas Albertson - Town Alternate 6/30/14

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner 6/30/16

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe 6/30/14

Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones 12/31/14

Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto 6/30/16

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady 6/30/14

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham

Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte 6/30/14

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, 6/30/14
 Kopelman and Paige

250th Anniversary Committee

(Committee disbanded 10/28/2013)

Peg Louraine	Final Report
Leslie Squires	Final Report
Shirley Salvatore	Final Report
Andrea Filipkowski	Final Report
Linda Sterling	Final Report
William Barnett	Final Report
Paul Dansereau	Final Report
Cliff McCarthy	Final Report
Gloria Fortunato	Final Report
Kevin Brown	Final Report
Cindy Brown	Final Report
Mary-Alice Austin	Final Report
Thomas Stockton	Final Report
Linda Cunningham	Final Report
Bruce Allyn Klockars	Final Report

Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima
 Steve Williams, Alternate

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/17
Kathleen Wood, Assistant Graves Officer	3/31/17

Veterans' Services Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III	4/30/14
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Veterans' Services Advisory Board

Larry Raines – Assoc Mbr	6/30/14
Michael Ross-Assoc Mbr (appt 11/13/12)	6/30/14
Keith Poulin-Assoc Mbr	6/30/14
Janet Jourdain	6/30/14
William McClure	6/30/14
George "Archie" Archible	6/30/15
Gerry Desilets	6/30/15
Michael Czech – At Large Mbr)	6/30/15
William Bowen	6/30/16
Raymond Janke	Period of employment
Vincent Viglione	Period of employment

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III

Zoning Board of Appeals

Robert Hislop	6/30/14
Mark Hebert	6/30/15
David Lucey	6/30/16

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Brian Gibbons	6/30/14
Noah Pefaur	6/30/14

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/14
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As we begin the difficult task of laying the groundwork for the year 2014, we on the Board of Selectmen take time to reflect upon 2013, and the many projects and events that monopolized our time. And while Brenda, Archie, Ron, Ken and I put forth our best efforts to make Belchertown a warmer, more pleasant, and more delightful town in which to live in the coming year, we must necessarily reflect upon both the successful and the unsuccessful projects of 2013.

Our new housing permits were up considerably in 2013. In 2011, there were 15 permits and in 2012, there were only 17. But in 2013, 29 new homes and 2 condominiums were granted permits. We took this as a sign of returned growth in Belchertown and hope that it continues.

On the State School project, it seems that after several years of little if nothing happening, things have started moving. Weston Solutions, our main hope in the past, has dropped out of the picture and MassDevelopment has taken over the project. The State has indicated that they will contribute up to \$2,000,000 for pollution cleanup and to date have provided some \$200,000. It looks as though the project is finally beginning to move forward!

In the last year, the Community Preservation Fund has been authorized by Town Meeting to spend over \$300,000 to make rehabilitation improvements to construct a new skate park, to begin digitalizing the *Sentinel* newspapers, and to create Jessica's Boundless Playground among others. The Community Preservation Committee has been overwhelmed with requests for help.

The Conservation Commission has been working very hard on the project of preserving land parcels here in Belchertown. At this point some 178.3 acres of local land have been set aside to be preserved in 2013. Of this land, 90 acres is the Jabish Brook land that runs along Daniel Shays Highway. The other committee that has become active recently is the Recreation Committee. When Town Meeting disestablished the Recreation Commission last May, it re-created the Recreation Committee.

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to give great praise to the Department of Public Works for the fantastic job it has done fighting the winter storms of 2013 and the early part of 2014. Not only were the public ways safe and clean throughout most of the storms but the work was done at a reasonable

cost because of the tireless efforts and hours of our Director of Public Works, Steven Williams. In addition to this, the intersection at Main and Maple Streets has been completed (this was a state project) and Belchertown is to receive about \$10,000,000 to rebuild Route 181.

There were two other major projects with which the Board of Selectmen was involved in during 2013. The first was the possible gambling casino that was to be set up in the Town of Palmer. The Town Administrator, Town Planner and the Board spent many long hours discussing their project among ourselves and with other town administrators. A casino would have had a major effect on Belchertown's schools, traffic and housing. Fortunately, the whole problem came to an abrupt end when the voters of Palmer rejected the casino project.

The other major project with which we had to deal was the subject of Municipal Aggregation. Since 1999, the Hampshire County Council of Governments (of which Belchertown is not only a member but owns 22% of its assets) has been working to set up a municipal aggregation of member and nonmember towns to sell electricity to its citizens. The power would be sold to each individual homeowner at a low cost basis. In early January, 2014, Belchertown signed on to become one of 38 towns that will make up the aggregation. Every homeowner will have the same right that they have with either National Grid or Western Mass Electric---they can opt out at any time! At this point, we are waiting on the Department of Public Utilities to give us the go ahead.

We thank all the people in Belchertown that helped us in these endeavors. Belchertown is moving forward. Let us be glad!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Barnett, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As I often begin, it is the Town Administrator's office that is responsible for the day to day operations of our town. On a regular basis, the Town Administrator implements policy and procedure as set forth by the Board of Selectmen.

As in most recent years, the task of maintaining town services while experiencing decreased revenues and inflationary costs is extremely

challenging. Unfortunately, and after a number of years in these economically challenging times, it appears this has become the new norm. In spite of this, and with the dedication and creativity of the Town's leaders and department heads, we continue to make due with what we are allowed and will continue to do so each new budget year.

The Town's residential development rate continues to rebound from the economic downturn ending 2013 with 31 new home starts. This is a significant increase from the lowest recorded number in recent years of 13 in 2007.

We are also working closely with several small to moderate sized businesses seeking to open in Belchertown. Unfortunately, the Town lost a landmark at the end of the calendar year when Hawley's Restaurant, which had been open for many, many years, closed its doors. We are hopeful the owners of that plaza will be successful in placing another family oriented restaurant at this location.

The Town's Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, members of the Board of Selectmen and I continue to work cooperatively with MassDevelopment in an effort to break ground on a project at the former Belchertown State School. At the end of the calendar year a request for proposals was advertised for Pad 1 which is intended to attract developers of an assisted living facility. With the senior population of Belchertown expected to double over the next ten years and the modest availability of these types of units, a facility of that nature constructed in close proximity of our Senior Center would be a tremendous benefit to those seeking this type of living arrangement.

In addition, the open space in front of the former main campus on State Street which was initially intended to transfer to the Town of Belchertown along with the other former State School property was subject to a special legislative process which passed both the House and Senate and was endorsed by Governor Patrick in December. This open/developable property will undoubtedly increase the appeal of development at this location significantly.

In late summer, our Treasurer-Collector held a tax title property auction which allowed interested bidders to compete for upwards of 34 parcels of vacant property in Belchertown. Two of the locations had homes in place which lead the

interest in this event. We recovered \$291,400 of uncollected revenue to the Town of Belchertown, and restored a majority of these properties to the tax rolls.

The Town's fiscal year begins on July 1st each year and runs through June 30th the following year. As a result, it is customary for the Town's financial managers to close out each fiscal year soon after the start of the new fiscal year and review the Town's finances. This is a process that must be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, and if surplus revenues are present they are designated as free cash. As a result of the Tax Title Auction, prudent financial management by the Town departments, and development unanticipated in the budgeting process from the prior fiscal year, the Town's free cash was certified at approximately \$1 million. The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Town's financial managers agreed to repay the loan we made to ourselves from the stabilization fund at the beginning of the fiscal year, increase the Town's stabilization fund and allow \$250,000 to remain as Free Cash to be directed toward any potential overspending in the current fiscal year.

And finally, as I often suggest, the Town of Belchertown remains a very attractive community to call home. We are extremely fortunate to have hardworking, dedicated town employees, elected and appointed officials, and a dedicated team of legislators who work tirelessly to help us succeed. Unfortunately, we have recently received word our very capable Senator, Gale Candaras, will not seek another term in the Massachusetts Senate. We have also been informed, our dear friend, Senator Stephen Brewer, who represented Belchertown for many years, has also decided to not seek reelection. These announcements shortly after losing one Senator entirely and a very experienced State Representative as a result of the Commonwealth redistricting plan is quite concerning to me personally. We all owe tremendous gratitude to Senators Candaras and Brewer, and wish them well on their new endeavors. Similarly and more local, the decision to not seek another term by School Superintendent Judith Houle also has raised the concerns of many of us. Although I am confident we will regroup and continue on our journey, the loss of these extraordinary public servants will make the task a bit more challenging.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Fiscal Year 14 budget, **as adjusted**, projected an increase in the Town of Belchertown's annual estimated receipts from \$45,501,000 to \$46,511,000 for an increase of \$1,010,000 or 2.2%. This increase was primarily due to the following:

	FY 14	FY 13	Increase / (Decrease)	Percent Change
Local Receipts	2,598,000	2,510,000	88,000	4%
Real Estate Tax Levy	23,292,000	22,551,000	741,000	3%
Recurring State Aid	17,672,000	17,416,000	256,000	2%
Special Fund Receipts	2,950,000	3,023,000	(73,000)	(2)%
	<u>46,512,000</u>	<u>45,500,000</u>	<u>1,012,000</u>	<u>2.2%</u>

The increase in the Real Estate Tax Levy is due to the combination of the yearly rate increase up to the maximum statutory rate of 2.5% and new growth. The town continued the practice of "borrowing" from stabilization to balance the budget pending the calculation of free cash in the fall. The budgeted utilization of stabilization funds was \$325,000 in Fiscal Year 14 and \$250,000 in FY 13. Stabilization funds are included in Special Fund Receipts.

The Fiscal Year 14 annual estimated receipts are being utilized to fund the town's operations as follows:

Department	FY 14	FY 13	Increase / Decrease	Percent Change
General Government	1,677,000	1,655,000	22,000	1.3%
Public Safety	3,458,000	3,351,000	108,000	3.2%
Public Schools	27,047,000	26,302,000	754,000	2.8%
Highways	1,570,000	1,535,000	35,000	2.3%
Sanitation & Environment	1,885,000	1,895,000	(10,000)	(.5%)
Human Services	819,000	743,000	76,000	10.2%
Culture and Recreation	713,000	728,000	(15,000)	(2.0%)
Buildings and Grounds	740,000	706,000	34,000	4.8%
Pension and Insurance	3,504,000	3,333,000	172,000	5.2%
Other Accounts	88,000	95,000	(7,000)	(7.4%)
Interest and Maturing Debt	3,493,000	3,566,000	(73,000)	(2.0%)
Council of Government	8,000	8,000	0	0%
Mandatory State Offsets	1,508,000	1,404,000	164,000	13.7%
Capital	0	175,000	(175,000)	(100%)
	<u>46,510,000</u>	<u>45,496,000</u>	<u>1,014,000</u>	<u>2.2%</u>

The Town is now entering another budget season. Although the economy is continuing to show slow signs of recovering from the recession, the Federal and State governments are dealing with limited resources. As the Federal and State governments look at new sources of revenues, including increasing taxes and fees, the Town continues to face increasing costs including unfunded mandates from both the Federal and State governments. In addition, the Town is faced with increased requests from various Town committees and departments due to many years of little to no budget increases. The Finance Committee has begun meeting with department heads to be pro-active and develop budgeting strategies. The Finance Committee remains committed to maintaining essential services and an adequate Stabilization Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Silva, Chairman
Finance Committee

Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2013

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	5,486,264.32	2,739,987.95	464,144.68	413,508.25	33,137.87	2,779,721.64		11,916,764.71
Petty Cash Advance	135.00	1,258.00						1,393.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	417,962.08							417,962.08
Chapter 61	50,300.73							50,300.73
Excise Taxes	293,311.16							293,311.16
Tax Liens	474,245.01			7,009.48				481,254.49
Special Assessments	13,911.17			3,868,108.45				3,882,019.62
Departmental	447,305.49			397,217.98				844,523.47
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(163,609.58)							(163,609.58)
Tax Foreclosures	240,601.55			39,602.94				280,204.49
Lieu Taxes	203.45							203.45
CPA Surcharge Receivable		4,188.47						4,188.47
Due From Other Governments	246,153.65	612,573.84						858,727.49
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	0.00	449,770.00						449,770.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							29,743,221.28	29,743,221.28
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							<u>35,287.11</u>	<u>35,287.11</u>
Total Assets	<u>7,506,784.03</u>	<u>3,807,778.26</u>	<u>464,144.68</u>	<u>4,725,447.10</u>	<u>33,137.87</u>	<u>2,779,721.64</u>	<u>29,778,508.39</u>	<u>49,095,521.97</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2013

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	3,230,697.45	244,324.74	0.00	28,786.77	12,541.71	1,479.11		3,517,829.78
Employee Withholdings	238,752.13	1,250.00						240,002.13
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	114,988.16							114,988.16
Chapter 61	50,300.73							50,300.73
Excise Taxes	293,311.16							293,311.16
Tax Liens	474,245.01			7,009.48				481,254.49
Special Assessments	13,911.17			3,868,108.45				3,882,019.62
Lieu Taxes	203.45							203.45
Departmental	447,305.49			397,217.98				844,523.47
Tax Foreclosures	240,601.55			39,602.94				280,204.49
CPA Surcharge Receivable		4,021.35						
Government Receivable	180,633.13	270,118.04	0.00					450,751.17
Grant Receivable		342,455.80						342,455.80
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	449,770.00						449,770.00
Early Payment of 2013 Prop. Tax/CPA Sur.	41,370.34	167.12						41,537.46
Unclaimed Checks	11,628.93							11,628.93
Excess on Land of Low Value	0.00							0.00
Bond Indebtedness							29,743,221.28	29,743,221.28
Compensated Absences							<u>35,287.11</u>	<u>35,287.11</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>5,337,948.70</u>	<u>1,312,107.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,340,725.62</u>	<u>12,541.71</u>	<u>1,479.11</u>	<u>29,778,508.39</u>	<u>40,783,310.58</u>
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	577,964.56	472.50		726.50				579,163.56
Reserve for Expenditures	165,000.00	259,843.90		178,034.00	18,709.00			621,586.90
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,425,870.77							1,425,870.77
Reserved Fund Balance		2,214,936.93	464,144.68	205,960.98	1,887.16	2,778,242.53		5,665,172.28
Title V Septic System Loan		<u>20,417.88</u>						<u>20,417.88</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>2,168,835.33</u>	<u>2,495,671.21</u>	<u>464,144.68</u>	<u>384,721.48</u>	<u>20,596.16</u>	<u>2,778,242.53</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,312,211.39</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>7,506,784.03</u>	<u>3,807,778.26</u>	<u>464,144.68</u>	<u>4,725,447.10</u>	<u>33,137.87</u>	<u>2,779,721.64</u>	<u>29,778,508.39</u>	<u>49,095,521.97</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

General Fund

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2013

ASSETS

Cash		5,486,264.32
Petty Cash Advance		135.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	417,962.08	
Chapter 61	50,300.73	
Excise Taxes	293,311.16	
Tax Liens	474,245.01	
Special Assessments	13,911.17	
Lieu Taxes	203.45	
Departmental	447,305.49	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	180,633.13	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(163,609.58)</u>	
		1,714,262.64
Due from Other Governments		65,520.52
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		<u>240,601.55</u>
Total Assets		<u>7,506,784.03</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		3,230,697.45
Employee Withholdings		238,752.13
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	114,988.16	
Chapter 61	50,300.73	
Excise Taxes	293,311.16	
Tax Liens	474,245.01	
Special Assessments	13,911.17	
Lieu Taxes	203.45	
Departmental	447,305.49	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	180,633.13	
Governmental Receivable - FEMA	0.00	
Tax Foreclosures	<u>240,601.55</u>	
		1,815,499.85
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		0.00
Early Payment of 2014 Property Tax		41,370.34
Unclaimed Checks		<u>11,628.93</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>5,337,948.70</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Expenditures		165,000.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		577,964.56
Unreserved Fund Balance		<u>1,425,870.77</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>2,168,835.33</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>7,506,784.03</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Lunch Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Fund (Memo Only)	Totals
			Federal	State	School				
<u>ASSETS</u>									
Cash	793,449.24	(74,953.83)	39,565.55	(263,686.03)	(28,351.65)	37,512.50	2,021,360.62	215,091.55	2,739,987.95
Petty Cash Advance					125.00		1,133.00		1,258.00
Due From Commonwealth	449,770.00	175,203.04		342,455.80					517,658.84
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	4,188.47								449,770.00
Surcharge Receivable (thru FY13)									4,188.47
Due from Federal Government			94,915.00						94,915.00
Total Assets	<u>1,247,407.71</u>	<u>100,249.21</u>	<u>134,480.55</u>	<u>78,769.77</u>	<u>(28,226.65)</u>	<u>37,512.50</u>	<u>2,022,493.62</u>	<u>215,091.55</u>	<u>3,807,778.26</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY</u>									
Liabilities:									
Warrants Payable	0.00	970.05	50,947.26	26,692.15	17,829.59	3,826.95	105,154.34	38,904.40	244,324.74
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		175,203.04	94,915.00	342,455.80			0.00	1,250.00	612,573.84
Employee Withholdings	449,770.00								1,250.00
Bond Anticipation Note	4,021.35								449,770.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	167.12								4,021.35
Early pmt of '13 CPA Surcharge									167.12
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable									0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>453,958.47</u>	<u>176,173.09</u>	<u>145,862.26</u>	<u>369,147.95</u>	<u>17,829.59</u>	<u>3,826.95</u>	<u>105,154.34</u>	<u>40,154.40</u>	<u>1,312,107.05</u>
Fund Equity:									
Design. for Subs Years Expense	533,132.84	(75,923.88)	(11,381.71)	(290,378.18)	(46,056.24)	33,685.55	1,896,921.40	174,937.15	2,214,936.93
Reserve for Open Space	35,531.60								35,531.60
Reserve for Historic Resources	27,257.00								27,257.00
Reserve for Community Housing	197,055.30								197,055.30
Reserve for Encumbrance	472.50								472.50
Title V Septic System Loan							20,417.88		20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	<u>793,449.24</u>	<u>(75,923.88)</u>	<u>(11,381.71)</u>	<u>(290,378.18)</u>	<u>(46,056.24)</u>	<u>33,685.55</u>	<u>1,917,339.28</u>	<u>174,937.15</u>	<u>2,495,671.21</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>1,247,407.71</u>	<u>100,249.21</u>	<u>134,480.55</u>	<u>78,769.77</u>	<u>(28,226.65)</u>	<u>37,512.50</u>	<u>2,022,493.62</u>	<u>215,091.55</u>	<u>3,807,778.26</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

	Police Station Sr. Center	Sewer upgrades Jackson St. PVP/Tri-Lakes	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	10,520.66	90,146.18	363,477.84	464,144.68
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		0.00		0.00
Total Assets	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>90,146.18</u>	<u>363,477.84</u>	<u>464,144.68</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY</u>				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00	0.00	0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		0.00	0.00	0.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payabl		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>90,146.18</u>	<u>363,477.84</u>	<u>464,144.68</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>90,146.18</u>	<u>363,477.84</u>	<u>464,144.68</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>90,146.18</u>	<u>363,477.84</u>	<u>464,144.68</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

ASSETS

Cash		413,508.25
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	4,725.46	
Sewer User Fees	392,492.52	
Assessments	3,868,108.45	
Tax Liens - Sewer	<u>7,009.48</u>	
		<u>4,272,335.91</u>
Sewer Possessions		39,602.94
Total Assets		<u>4,725,447.10</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		28,786.77
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	4,725.46	
Sewer User Fees	392,492.52	
Assessments	3,868,108.45	
Tax Liens - Sewer	7,009.48	
Sewer possessions	<u>39,602.94</u>	
		<u>4,311,938.85</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>4,340,725.62</u>
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		178,034.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		726.50
Retained Earnings		<u>205,960.98</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>384,721.48</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>4,725,447.10</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

ASSETS

Cash	<u>33,137.87</u>
Total Assets	<u>33,137.87</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable	<u>12,541.71</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>12,541.71</u>

Fund Equity:

Reserve for Expenditures	18,709.00
Retained Earnings	<u>1,887.16</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>20,596.16</u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>33,137.87</u>
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

ASSETS

Cash 2,082,373.81

Total Assets 2,082,373.81

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable 1,479.11

Total Liabilities 1,479.11

Fund Equity:

Fund Balances:

Reserved 2,080,894.70

Total Fund Equity 2,080,894.70

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 2,082,373.81

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

ASSETS

Cash 697,347.83

Total Assets 697,347.83

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:

Reserved 697,347.83

Total Fund Balance 697,347.83

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 697,347.83

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

	High School 2001	Daigle Well Loan	Tri-Lakes Incl JBMS/04 Caf Loan '05	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rc MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Land-Everett Tupper, Topping Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St MWPAT	Sewer Howard St MWPAT	Energy Savings Project	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																		
Am't to be Provided for																		
Pmt of Debt	14,185,000.00	30,000.00	610,000.00	1,265,000.00	3,132,700.00	215,000.00	255,000.00	530,000.00	295,000.00	220,000.00	685,000.00	1,169,347.00	2,450,957.98	1,267,976.30	492,240.00	2,940,000.00		29,743,221.28
Am't to be Provided for																		
Comp. Absenc																		
19																		
Total Assets	14,185,000.00	30,000.00	610,000.00	1,265,000.00	3,132,700.00	215,000.00	255,000.00	530,000.00	295,000.00	220,000.00	685,000.00	1,169,347.00	2,450,957.98	1,267,976.30	492,240.00	2,940,000.00		29,743,221.28
LIABILITIES																		
Bond Indebtedn	14,185,000.00	30,000.00	610,000.00	1,265,000.00	3,132,700.00	215,000.00	255,000.00	530,000.00	295,000.00	220,000.00	685,000.00	1,169,347.00	2,450,957.98	1,267,976.30	492,240.00	2,940,000.00		29,743,221.28
Compensated																		
Absences																		
Total Liabilities	14,185,000.00	30,000.00	610,000.00	1,265,000.00	3,132,700.00	215,000.00	255,000.00	530,000.00	295,000.00	220,000.00	685,000.00	1,169,347.00	2,450,957.98	1,267,976.30	492,240.00	2,940,000.00		29,743,221.28

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY14
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
Moderator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Selectmen	\$17,116.00	\$16,855.30	\$260.70	
Town Administrator	\$204,000.00	\$203,405.53	\$594.47	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	\$1,500.00	\$1,448.89	\$51.11	
Finance Committee	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	
Reserve Fund	\$21,700.00	\$0.00	\$21,700.00 *	
Town Accountant	\$192,799.00	\$184,681.84	\$8,117.16	\$6,550.00
MIS Director	\$276,063.00	\$250,240.88	\$25,822.12	\$16,000.00
Assessors	\$281,179.00	\$277,502.45	\$3,676.55	\$1,500.00
Treasurer/Collector	\$266,359.00	\$266,011.86	\$347.14	\$90.00
Law Account	\$91,300.00	\$81,154.30	\$10,145.70	\$7,000.00
Town Clerk	\$116,332.00	\$113,250.32	\$3,081.68	\$1,742.00
Election & Registration	\$49,005.00	\$47,663.73	\$1,341.27	
Conservation Commission	\$66,120.00	\$66,106.02	\$13.98	
Pioneer Valley Planning	\$2,198.00	\$2,197.35	\$0.65	
Planning Board	\$96,731.00	\$95,390.92	\$1,340.08	
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,695.00	\$1,599.80	\$1,095.20	
EDIC	\$300.00	\$276.12	\$23.88	
Agricultural Commission	\$500.00	\$458.75	\$41.25	
Lakes Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Mobile Home Rent Control	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Printing Town Report	<u>\$3,350.00</u>	<u>\$2,359.03</u>	<u>\$990.97</u>	
	\$1,689,697.00	\$1,610,803.09	\$78,893.91	\$32,882.00
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>				
Police Department	\$1,967,757.00	\$1,888,278.77	\$79,478.23	\$61,303.14
Fire/EMS Department	\$1,187,452.00	\$1,186,391.93	\$1,060.07	\$75.76
Hydrant Service	\$25,156.00	\$25,156.00	\$0.00	
EMS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Injured on Duty	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Regional Lockup Assessment	\$12,841.00	\$12,841.00	\$0.00	
Inspection Services	\$135,166.00	\$123,489.36	\$11,676.64	\$3,000.00
Civil Defense	\$1,520.00	\$1,325.62	\$194.38	
Dog Officer	<u>\$46,275.00</u>	<u>\$46,221.27</u>	<u>\$53.73</u>	
	\$3,376,667.00	\$3,283,703.95	\$92,963.05	\$64,378.90
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
Town Schools	\$25,234,980.00	\$24,890,030.33 *	\$344,949.67	\$344,949.67
Regional School	<u>\$1,066,704.00</u>	<u>\$1,066,704.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$26,301,684.00	\$25,956,734.33	\$344,949.67	\$344,949.67

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY14
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
Personal Services	\$681,842.00	\$678,584.46	\$3,257.54	
Professional Engineering	\$52,000.00	\$38,706.85	\$13,293.15	
Administration	\$14,350.00	\$12,271.73	\$2,078.27	
Snow & Ice Control	\$232,000.00	\$231,505.33 *	\$494.67	
Street Lighting	\$34,500.00	\$34,496.15	\$3.85	
Road Machinery	\$172,750.00	\$172,749.88	\$0.12	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	\$151,740.00	\$151,382.89	\$357.11	
Town Garage	\$34,880.00	\$30,381.98	\$4,498.02	
Hired Services	\$138,000.00	\$133,737.88	\$4,262.12	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$421,680.00	\$409,152.40	\$12,527.60	\$1,626.12
Lawrence Memorial Hall	\$46,740.00	\$44,137.02	\$2,602.98	
Finnerty House	\$7,750.00	\$7,587.34	\$162.66	
EMS Building	\$13,650.00	\$11,865.41	\$1,784.59	
Police Station	\$46,500.00	\$46,291.32	\$208.68	
Senior Center Building	\$52,150.00	\$48,462.47	\$3,687.53	\$3,000.00
Recreation Building	\$22,900.00	\$20,589.82	\$2,310.18	
Freedom Center	\$19,800.00	\$18,254.86	\$1,545.14	
Franklin School Building	\$1,590.00	\$885.70	\$704.30	
Fire Station	\$34,715.00	\$34,069.65	\$645.35	
Everett Ave Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	\$25,170.00	\$22,104.46	\$3,065.54	
Old Town Hall	\$7,950.00	\$7,137.59	\$812.41	
Town Common	\$3,750.00	\$3,440.49	\$309.51	
Town Clock	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	
Cemetery Department	<u>\$32,850.00</u>	<u>\$32,162.50</u>	<u>\$687.50</u>	
	\$2,249,857.00	\$2,190,558.18	\$59,298.82	\$4,626.12

HUMAN SERVICES

Board of Health	\$17,432.00	\$12,055.76	\$5,376.24	
Quabbin Health District	\$127,986.28	\$127,986.28	\$0.00	
Council on Aging	\$427,694.00	\$414,931.81	\$12,762.19	\$4,039.25
Veterans' Services	<u>\$261,710.00</u>	<u>\$241,219.72</u>	<u>\$20,490.28</u>	
	\$834,822.28	\$796,193.57	\$38,628.71	\$4,039.25

CULTURE & RECREATION

Clapp Memorial Library	\$392,640.00	\$388,062.06	\$4,577.94	
Recreation Department	\$252,596.00	\$252,567.60	\$28.40	
Recreation - Pool	\$36,623.00	\$36,623.00	\$0.00	
Teen Center Operating	\$36,360.00	\$36,305.62	\$54.38	
Town Beach	\$3,638.00	\$3,614.10	\$23.90	
Family Center	\$6,300.00	\$5,950.90	\$349.10	\$344.62
Historical Commission	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
Historic District	\$348.00	\$0.00	\$348.00	
250th Anniversary Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Patriotic Exercises	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
	\$729,305.00	\$723,623.28	\$5,681.72	\$344.62

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY14
<u>INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
Unclassified	\$46,616.50	\$45,899.41	\$717.09	
Council of Governments	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	
Pensions	\$1,908,564.00	\$1,908,564.00	\$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	
Unemployment	\$6,000.00	\$2,167.11	\$3,832.89	
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$940,000.00	\$930,532.63	\$9,467.37	
Group Life-Town Share	\$4,400.00	\$3,111.52	\$1,288.48	
Medicare-Town Share	\$87,000.00	\$85,395.97	\$1,604.03	
General Insurance	\$296,700.00	\$293,580.33	\$3,119.67	
Capital - FY13	\$289,000.00	\$161,132.30	\$127,867.70	\$126,744.00
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	<u>\$7,832.90</u>	<u>\$7,832.90</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$3,594,413.40	\$3,445,716.17	\$148,697.23	\$126,744.00
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>				
Maturing Debt	\$2,675,000.00	\$2,675,000.00	\$0.00	
Interest	<u>\$912,487.00</u>	<u>\$908,562.44</u>	<u>\$3,924.56</u>	
	\$3,587,487.00	\$3,583,562.44	\$3,924.56	\$0.00
<u>ENCUMBERED FUNDS</u>				
General Government	\$32,682.09	\$31,682.97	\$999.12	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	\$60,327.19	\$60,327.19	\$0.00	
School Department	\$703,914.79	\$685,960.49	\$17,954.30	
Public Works	\$16.90	\$16.90	\$0.00	
One Time/Capital	\$176,000.00	\$145,860.00	\$30,140.00	
Insurance & Unclassified	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$972,940.97	\$923,847.55	\$49,093.42	\$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY14
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
General Government	\$1,689,697.00	\$1,610,803.09	\$78,893.91	\$32,882.00
Protection of Persons/Property	\$3,376,667.00	\$3,283,703.95	\$92,963.05	\$64,378.90
Education	\$26,301,684.00	\$25,956,734.33	\$344,949.67	\$344,949.67
Public Works	\$2,249,857.00	\$2,190,558.18	\$59,298.82	\$4,626.12
Human Services	\$834,822.28	\$796,193.57	\$38,628.71	\$4,039.25
Culture & Recreation	\$729,305.00	\$723,623.28	\$5,681.72	\$344.62
Insurance & Unclassified	\$3,594,413.40	\$3,445,716.17	\$148,697.23	\$126,744.00
Debt & Interest	<u>\$3,587,487.00</u>	<u>\$3,583,562.44</u>	<u>\$3,924.56</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$42,363,932.68	\$41,590,895.01	\$773,037.67	\$577,964.56
Encumbered Funds	<u>\$972,940.97</u>	<u>\$923,847.55</u>	<u>\$49,093.42</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$43,336,873.65</u>	<u>\$42,514,742.56</u>	<u>\$822,131.09</u>	<u>\$577,964.56</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2013

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE (TRUSTS)		TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	
Revenue:								
Taxes	22,413,787.89							22,413,787.89
State Receipts	17,186,052.00							17,186,052.00
Excise Taxes	1,667,860.46							1,667,860.46
Lieu Taxes	324,202.88							324,202.88
Licenses & Permits	164,283.12							164,283.12
Special Assessments	8,129.96							8,129.96
Interest	147,869.17	(1,623.54)	2,314.82	4,958.03		6,781.34		160,299.82
Fines & Forfeits	30,734.98							30,734.98
Departmental Revenue	233,698.94	2,771,888.47		1,499,252.52	249,238.26			4,754,078.19
Fees	70,188.50							70,188.50
Rentals	73,982.33							73,982.33
Umass Transit	35,433.00							35,433.00
Other Miscellaneous	284,970.58	321,215.81				1,665.00	2,550.00	610,401.39
Grants		3,209,611.98						3,209,611.98
Performance Guarantees		114,615.00						114,615.00
Gifts		295,635.44						295,635.44
Temporary Loans		249,770.00						249,770.00
MWPAT								0.00
Bond Proceeds								0.00
Total Revenues	42,641,193.81	6,961,113.16	2,314.82	1,504,210.55	249,238.26	8,446.34	2,550.00	51,369,066.94
Expenditures:								
General Government	1,610,803.09	1,181,900.51						2,792,703.60
Protection of Persons & Property	3,283,703.95	517,316.16						3,801,020.11
Education	25,956,734.33	3,312,989.57				6,630.00		29,276,353.90
Public Works	2,190,558.18	881,083.89		667,844.96	273,287.88			4,012,774.91
Human Services	796,193.57	277,739.58				14,955.30		1,088,888.45
Culture & Recreation	723,623.28	353,643.70						1,077,266.98
Insurance & Unclassified	3,445,716.17							3,445,716.17
Debt & Interest	3,583,562.44			867,657.06				4,451,219.50

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2013

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE		TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	
Expenditures (continued):								
State Assessments	888,993.00							888,993.00
Prior Year Expenditures	923,847.55							923,847.55
Land Purchase								0.00
Construction			273,781.05					273,781.05
Equipment								0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds								0.00
Temporary Loan								0.00
Total Expenditures	43,403,735.56	6,524,673.41	273,781.05	1,535,502.02	273,287.88	21,585.30	0.00	52,032,565.22
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(762,541.75)	436,439.75	(271,466.23)	(31,291.47)	(24,049.62)	(13,138.96)	2,550.00	(663,498.28)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Operating Transfers In	882,168.84	194,998.72	0.00	125,775.00	0.00	411,543.00	0.00	1,614,485.56
Operating Transfers Out	488,071.62	623,773.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	456,632.14	72,933.60	1,641,410.56
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	394,097.22	(428,774.48)	0.00	125,775.00	0.00	(45,089.14)	(72,933.60)	(26,925.00)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	(368,444.53)	7,665.27	(271,466.23)	94,483.53	(24,049.62)	(58,228.10)	(70,383.60)	(690,423.28)
Audit Adjustment *	13,118.91							13,118.91
Fund Balance 7-1-12	2,524,160.95	2,487,997.84	735,610.91	290,237.95	44,645.78	2,139,122.80	767,731.43	8,989,507.66
Fund Balance 6-30-13	2,168,835.33	2,495,663.11	464,144.68	384,721.48	20,596.16	2,080,894.70	697,347.83	8,312,203.29

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	22,381,040.63	22,413,787.89	32,747.26
State Receipts	17,179,718.00	17,186,052.00	6,334.00
Excise Taxes	1,570,500.00	1,667,860.46	97,360.46
Lieu Taxes	295,000.00	324,202.88	29,202.88
Licenses & Permits	141,150.00	164,283.12	23,133.12
Special Assessments	7,606.00	8,129.96	523.96
Interest	148,500.00	147,869.17	(630.83)
Fines & Forfeits	35,000.00	30,734.98	(4,265.02)
Departmental Revenue	143,500.00	233,698.94	90,198.94
Fees	69,800.00	70,188.50	388.50
Rentals	62,000.00	73,982.33	11,982.33
Umass Transit	36,600.00	35,433.00	(1,167.00)
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	284,970.58	284,970.58
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues	42,070,414.63	42,641,193.81	570,779.18
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,689,697.00	1,610,803.09	78,893.91
Protection of Persons & Property	3,376,667.00	3,283,703.95	92,963.05
Education	26,301,684.00	25,956,734.33	344,949.67
Public Works	2,249,857.00	2,190,558.18	59,298.82
Human Services	834,822.28	796,193.57	38,628.71
Culture & Recreation	729,305.00	723,623.28	5,681.72
Insurance & Unclassified	3,594,413.40	3,445,716.17	148,697.23
Debt & Interest	3,587,487.00	3,583,562.44	3,924.56
State Assessments	854,210.00	888,993.00	(34,783.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	972,940.97	923,847.55	49,093.42
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	44,191,083.65	43,403,735.56	787,348.09
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(762,541.75)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	690,000.00	882,168.84	
Operating Transfers Out	<u>475,775.00</u>	<u>488,071.62</u>	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>214,225.00</u>	<u>394,097.22</u>	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		(368,444.53)	
Audit Adjustments		13,118.91	
Fund Balance 7/1/12		<u>2,524,160.95</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/13		<u>2,168,835.33</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Special Revenue Fund

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2013

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State						
Revenues:										
Grants	50,862.00	612,723.23	1,675,449.73	360,722.20	213,093.82			296,761.00		3,209,611.98
Collections & Fees	195,207.96		41,055.75	28,375.00	488,918.11		174,248.65	1,461,924.94	382,158.06	2,771,888.47
Interest	(2,243.53)		20.60	(13.21)	218.72			(63.60)	457.48	(1,623.54)
Performance Guarantees									114,615.00	114,615.00
Gifts	12,000.00		2,483.58	65.00				281,086.86		295,635.44
Temporary Loans	249,770.00									249,770.00
Other					2,251.85			6,870.80	312,093.16	321,215.81
Total Revenues	505,596.43	612,723.23	1,719,009.66	389,148.99	704,482.50		174,248.65	2,046,580.00	809,323.70	6,961,113.16
Expenditures:										
General Government	463,620.90			400,327.80				166,296.24	151,655.57	1,181,900.51
Protection of Persons & Property			105,306.46	43,932.90				30,227.63	337,849.17	517,316.16
Education			912,932.29	175,554.68	742,148.06		319,931.28	887,221.49	275,201.77	3,312,989.57
Department of Public Works		643,441.91		149,614.48				73,202.50	14,825.00	881,083.89
Human Services			174,565.41	63,812.81				39,261.36	100.00	277,739.58
Culture & Recreation				25,724.47				327,919.23		353,643.70
Debt & Interest										0.00
Total Expenditures	463,620.90	643,441.91	1,192,804.16	858,967.14	742,148.06		319,931.28	1,524,128.45	779,631.51	6,524,673.41
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	41,975.53	(30,718.68)	526,205.50	(469,818.15)	(37,665.56)		(145,682.63)	522,451.55	29,692.19	436,439.75
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										
Operating Transfers In			182,702.10	12,296.62						194,998.72
Operating Transfers Out			66,847.00					546,001.20	10,925.00	623,773.20
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	115,855.10	12,296.62	0.00		0.00	(546,001.20)	(10,925.00)	(428,774.48)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2013

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS		School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State					
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	41,975.53	(30,718.68)	642,060.60	(457,521.53)	(37,665.56)	(145,682.63)	(23,549.65)	18,767.19	7,665.27
Audit Adjustments									0.00
Balance 7-1-12	<u>751,473.71</u>	<u>(45,205.20)</u>	<u>(653,442.41)</u>	<u>167,143.35</u>	<u>(8,515.68)</u>	<u>179,368.18</u>	<u>1,939,755.93</u>	<u>157,419.96</u>	<u>2,487,997.84</u>
Balance 6-30-13	<u>793,449.24</u>	<u>(75,923.88)</u>	<u>(11,381.81)</u>	<u>(290,378.18)</u>	<u>(46,181.24)</u>	<u>33,685.55</u>	<u>1,916,206.28</u>	<u>176,187.15</u>	<u>2,495,663.11</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2013

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
Interest			\$2,314.82	\$2,314.82
MWPAT				\$0.00
USDA Grant				\$0.00
USDA Loan				\$0.00
Temporary Loans				\$0.00
Bond Proceeds				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	2,314.82	\$2,314.82
Expenditures:				
Construction			\$273,781.05	\$273,781.05
Equipment				\$0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds				\$0.00
Temporary Loans				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$273,781.05</u>	<u>\$273,781.05</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$271,466.23)	(\$271,466.23)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In				\$0.00
Operation Transfers Out				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$271,466.23)	(\$271,466.23)
Fund Balance 7-1-12	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$90,146.18</u>	<u>\$634,944.07</u>	<u>\$735,610.91</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-13	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$90,146.18</u>	<u>\$363,477.84</u>	<u>\$464,144.68</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	267,500.00	242,364.70	(25,135.30)
Sale of Recycling	6,500.00	<u>6,873.56</u>	<u>373.56</u>
Total Revenue	274,000.00	249,238.26	(24,761.74)
Expenditures:			
Environmental Hazardous Waste	299,931.00	273,287.88	26,643.12
Total Expenditures	299,937.00	273,287.88	26,649.12
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(24,049.62)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		<u>(24,049.62)</u>	
Fund Balance 7/1/12		<u>44,645.78</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/13		<u>20,596.16</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,150,000.00	1,269,820.62	119,820.62
Sewer Assessments	188,000.00	212,286.79	24,286.79
Sewer Connections	20,000.00	15,875.11	(4,124.89)
Interest	0.00	4,958.03	4,958.03
Dumping Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,270.00</u>	<u>1,270.00</u>
Total Revenue	1,358,000.00	1,504,210.55	146,210.55
Expenditures:			
Environmental	727,580.00	667,107.96	60,472.04
Debt & Interest	867,662.00	867,657.06	4.94
Prior Year Expenditures	<u>737.00</u>	<u>737.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,595,979.00	1,535,502.02	60,476.98
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(31,291.47)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	125,775.00	125,775.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>125,775.00</u>	<u>125,775.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		94,483.53	
Fund Balance 7/1/12		<u>290,237.95</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/13		<u>384,721.48</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2013

	Balance 7/1/2012	Additions	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2013
Poor Funds:				
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69			512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00			10,000.00
School Funds:				
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00			2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00			6,000.00
Library Fund:				
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00			4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:				
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00			2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:				
Senior Center Memorial	0.00			0.00
Penson Fund:				
Pensions	10,000.00			10,000.00
Retirement Trust	72,933.60		(72,933.60)	0.00
Cemetery Funds:				
Perpetual Care	144,837.14	2,550.00		147,387.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00			200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00			1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00			1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	<u>300.00</u>			<u>300.00</u>
	<u>767,731.43</u>	<u>2,550.00</u>		<u>697,347.83</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2013

	Balance 7/1/2012	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2013
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	\$216,074.63		\$3,775.58	\$13,465.77			\$206,384.44	\$206,384.44
Whiting Street	\$51,190.42		(\$312.87)				\$50,877.55	\$50,877.55
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	\$5,236.70		(\$37.01)				\$5,199.69	\$5,199.69
Calvin Bridgman High School	\$15,473.44		(\$109.81)				\$15,363.63	\$15,363.63
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	\$92,050.67		(\$468.64)	\$5,000.00			\$86,582.03	\$86,582.03
Pazasis Scholarship	\$1,126.18		(\$5.75)	\$1,130.00			(\$9.57)	(\$9.57)
C. Schott Memorial Scholarship	\$363.90		(\$1.84)				\$362.06	\$362.06
Hansbury Scholarship	\$762.64		(\$3.75)	\$400.00			\$358.89	\$358.89
Shumway Scholarship	\$2,403.78		(\$12.25)	\$100.00			\$2,291.53	\$2,291.53
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$2,095.31		(\$31.13)				\$2,064.18	\$2,064.18
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$3,897.70		(\$30.66)				\$3,867.04	\$3,867.04
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	\$59,770.26	\$380.00	(\$304.99)				\$59,845.27	\$59,845.27
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	\$39,179.11		\$3,299.26				\$42,478.37	\$42,478.37
Susan M.D. Bridgman	\$1,447.49		(\$8.42)				\$1,439.07	\$1,439.07
Nellie E. Brown	\$2,591.50		(\$19.31)	\$204.53			\$2,367.66	\$2,367.66
Willard Stebbins	\$2,356.46		(\$19.72)				\$2,336.74	\$2,336.74
Vianna E. Somes	\$2,651.87		(\$15.11)				\$2,636.76	\$2,636.76
E. Schmidt Memorial	\$0.00	\$1,285.00		\$1,285.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Penson Fund								
Retirement Trust	\$19,723.69		\$41.31				\$19,765.00	\$19,765.00
Conservation Fund	\$16,970.76		\$6,959.28		(\$23,930.04)		(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)
Stabilization Fund	\$868.28		(\$4.44)				\$863.84	\$863.84
Workers' Compensation Fund	\$1,477,253.96	\$411,543.00	(\$7,371.31)		(\$432,702.10)		\$1,448,723.55	\$1,448,723.55
	<u>\$125,634.05</u>		<u>\$1,462.92</u>				<u>\$127,096.97</u>	<u>\$127,096.97</u>
	<u>\$2,139,122.80</u>	<u>\$413,208.00</u>	<u>\$6,781.34</u>	<u>\$21,585.30</u>	<u>(\$456,632.14)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,080,894.70</u>	<u>\$2,080,894.70</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2013

	Principal	Interest	Total
2014	3,736,944.55	1,171,387.37	4,908,331.92
2015	3,739,456.40	1,031,296.91	4,770,753.31
2016	3,086,507.80	882,430.54	3,968,938.34
2017	3,088,963.88	770,033.29	3,858,997.17
2018	3,101,597.08	625,505.92	3,727,103.00
2019	3,092,436.85	504,041.93	3,596,478.78
2020	2,502,452.74	379,784.20	2,882,236.94
2021	2,279,580.07	272,965.48	2,552,545.55
2022	2,271,683.40	181,400.14	2,453,083.54
2023	743,901.17	87,945.61	831,846.78
2024	756,162.59	55,061.67	811,224.26
2025	377,062.17	40,592.46	417,654.63
2026	372,488.37	26,170.33	398,658.70
2027	374,963.04	11,974.43	386,937.47
2028	127,487.17	3,105.55	130,592.72
2029	29,903.00	1,531.65	31,434.65
2030	30,507.00	927.55	31,434.55
2031	31,124.00	311.24	31,435.24
	<u>29,743,221.28</u>	<u>6,046,466.27</u>	<u>35,789,687.55</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2013

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2012	Reduced FY2013	Outstanding 6/30/2013	Due In FY2014
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	4.01	60,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	3.99	1,845,000.00	580,000.00	1,265,000.00	615,000.00
High School	2002	4.50	15,845,000.00	1,660,000.00	14,185,000.00	1,660,000.00
		*reissued in '11				
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	345,000.00	50,000.00	295,000.00	50,000.00
		*reissued in '11				
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00	455,000.00	60,000.00	395,000.00	60,000.00
QECB/Energy Project	2012		3,140,000.00	200,000.00	2,940,000.00	205,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	3,380,900.00	248,200.00	3,132,700.00	484,200.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	240,000.00	25,000.00	215,000.00	30,000.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	285,000.00	30,000.00	255,000.00	35,000.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	600,000.00	70,000.00	530,000.00	70,000.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,255,567.00	86,220.00	1,169,347.00	89,347.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	2,631,453.46	180,495.48	2,450,957.98	187,045.53
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	230,000.00	30,000.00	200,000.00	30,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer	2008	2.00	1,339,741.42	71,765.12	1,267,976.30	73,214.02
Howard Street #1	2011	2.00	496,902.00	21,714.00	475,188.00	22,153.00
Howard Street #2	2011	2.00	18,017.00	965.00	17,052.00	985.00
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Topping	2008		240,000.00	20,000.00	220,000.00	20,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	2008		<u>755,000.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>	<u>685,000.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>
			<u>33,182,580.88</u>	<u>3,439,359.60</u>	<u>29,743,221.28</u>	<u>3,736,944.55</u>

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2012	\$ 12,094,186.43	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	\$ 59,515,273.14		
RECEIPTS	\$ 59,337,851.42	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2013	\$ 11,916,764.71		
	\$ 71,432,037.85		\$ 71,432,037.85		
INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS,		TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 27,004.67		
ACCOUNT					
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	\$ 21,487.65				\$ 21,363.63
GEORGE LONGLEY	\$ 7,241.50				\$ 7,199.69
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 1,705.27	\$ 2,698.67		\$ (1,900.00)	\$ 2,488.63
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 92,050.67			\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 86,582.03
RICHARD PAZASSIS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 1,126.18			\$ (1,130.00)	\$ (9.57)
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 363.90			\$ (1.84)	\$ 362.06
SHUMWAY SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,403.78			\$ (12.25)	\$ 2,291.53
HANSBURY SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 762.64			\$ (3.75)	\$ 358.89
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$ 1,647.49			\$ (8.42)	\$ 1,639.07
OWILLARD STEBBINS	\$ 3,856.46			\$ (19.72)	\$ 3,836.74
VIANNA SOMES	\$ 2,951.87			\$ (15.11)	\$ 2,936.76
NELLIE BROWN	\$ 3,591.50			\$ (19.31)	\$ 3,367.66
PERPETUAL CARE	\$ 184,766.25	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 3,299.26	\$ 189,865.51
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$ 728,935.52	\$ 830.57		\$ 3,754.48	\$ 719,719.54
WHITING STREET	\$ 61,190.42			\$ (312.87)	\$ 60,877.55
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	\$ 5,997.70			\$ (30.66)	\$ 5,967.04
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	\$ 6,095.31			\$ (31.13)	\$ 6,064.18
CONSERVATION	\$ 868.28			\$ (4.44)	\$ 863.84
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 59,770.26	\$ 380.00		\$ (304.99)	\$ 59,845.27
PENSION RESERVE	\$ 29,723.69			\$ 41.31	\$ -
STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 1,477,253.96	\$ 5,483.69		\$ (7,371.31)	\$ 1,448,723.55
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	\$ 125,364.05			\$ 1,462.92	\$ 127,096.97
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	\$ 21,121.02			\$ (122.42)	\$ 18,631.57
CULTURAL COUNCIL	\$ 3,258.12	\$ 3,153.00		\$ (13.21)	\$ 4,872.91
250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE	\$ 11.73	\$ 565.00		\$ 0.36	\$ 100.14
	\$ 2,843,545.22				
TOTALS					

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2012- JUNE 30, 2013				INTEREST RATE
NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED	AMOUNT	
#983-JACKSON FARM PURCHASE	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SAVING	5/2/2013 \$	159,770.00	0.50%
#984-TOWN HALL WINDOWS	GREENFIELD CO-OP BANK	6/21/2013 \$	150,000.00	0.54%
#985-OLD TOWN HALL	GREENFIELD CO-OP BANK	6/21/2013 \$	140,000.00	0.54%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN TREASURER

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR
REPORT
7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013

FISCAL 2010 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	486.39	
COMMITTED	\$	3,459.41	
ABATED	\$	3,459.41	
COLLECTED	\$	486.39	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	3,945.80	\$ 3,945.80

FISCAL 2011 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	27,904.73	
COMMITTED	\$	3,799.82	
ABATED	\$	3,799.82	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	4,577.67	
COLLECTED	\$	23,327.06	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	31,704.55	\$ 31,704.55

FISCAL 2012 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	310,820.43	
REFUND	\$	1,619.56	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	38,536.88	
ABATED	\$	1,619.56	
COLLECTED	\$	244,682.97	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	27,600.58	
	\$	312,439.99	\$ 312,439.99

FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2013

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	10,684,452.64	
COMMITTED	\$	11,351,703.30	
REFUND	\$	60,329.98	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	77,946.76	
TAX POSSESSION	\$	432.88	
ABATED	\$	98,365.19	
COLLECTED	\$	21,558,607.83	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	361,133.26	
	\$	22,096,485.92	\$ 22,096,485.92

FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2014

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	11,060,989.91	
COLLECTED	\$	40,595.08	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	11,020,394.83	
	\$	11,060,989.91	\$ 11,060,989.91

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2012

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	1,346.25	
COMMITTED	\$	7,148.14	
COLLECTED	\$	8,494.39	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	8,494.39	\$ 8,494.39

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2013

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	26,040.53	
REFUND	\$	3,106.56	
COLLECTED	\$	29,147.09	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	29,147.09	\$ 29,147.09

FARM ANIMAL EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	270.40	
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	270.40	
	\$	270.40	\$ 270.40

CPA 2011

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	101.67	
COMMITTED	\$	33.52	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	6.40	
ABATED	\$	33.52	
COLLECTED	\$	95.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	135.19	\$ 135.19

CPA 2012

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	1,618.46	
COMMITTED	\$	95.92	
REFUND	\$	24.30	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	206.56	
ABATED	\$	24.30	
COLLECTED	\$	1,482.16	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	25.66	
	\$	1,738.68	\$ 1,738.68

CPA 2013

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2012	\$	95,874.24	
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	101,097.11	
REFUND	\$	84.20	
ABATED	\$	1,563.35	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	606.18	
TO TAX POSSESSION	\$	6.49	
COLLECTED	\$	192,711.52	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	2,168.01	
	\$	197,055.55	\$ 197,055.55

CPA 2014

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	99,495.10	
COLLECTED	\$	167.12	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013	\$	99,327.98	
	\$	99,495.10	\$ 99,495.10

2012 SEWER LIENS

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	7,112.68	
COLLECTED	\$	7,112.68	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	7,112.68	\$ 7,112.68

2013 SEWER LIENS

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	81,821.37	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	691.78	
COLLECTED	\$	76,404.13	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013	\$	4,725.46	
	\$	81,821.37	\$ 81,821.37

2012 SEWER CHARGES

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2012	\$	380,729.82	
REFUND	\$	1,029.58	
ABATED	\$	368.37	
TO LIENS	\$	74,235.23	
COLLECTED	\$	307,155.80	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	381,759.40	\$ 381,759.40

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
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2013 SEWER CHARGES

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	1,246,220.21	
REFUND	\$	669.65	
ABATED	\$	123.79	
COLLECTED	\$	854,273.55	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2012	\$	392,492.52	
	\$	1,246,889.86	\$ 1,246,889.86

2008 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	7,336.38	
ABATED	\$	8,291.28	
COLLECTED	\$	1,045.10	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	7,336.38	\$ 7,336.38

2009 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	5,319.14	
COLLECTED	\$	1,745.64	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	3,573.50	
	\$	5,319.14	\$ 5,319.14

2010 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	9,335.09	
COLLECTED	\$	2,873.38	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	6,461.71	
	\$	9,335.09	\$ 9,335.09

2011 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	28,473.65	
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	50.63	
REFUND	\$	421.80	
ABATED	\$	487.71	
COLLECTED	\$	14,864.40	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	11,593.97	
	\$	28,946.08	\$ 28,946.08

2012 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2012	\$	209,028.18	
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	139,340.02	
REFUND	\$	12,665.18	
ABATED	\$	18,616.01	
COLLECTED	\$	317,398.84	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	27,018.53	
	\$	361,033.38	\$ 361,033.38

2013 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	1,564,976.64	
REFUND	\$	8,633.77	
ABATED	\$	57,564.70	
COLLECTED	\$	1,271,652.68	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2012	\$	244,393.05	
	\$	1,573,610.41	\$ 1,573,610.41

FISCAL 2009 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	189.39	
REFUND	\$	76,704.62	
ABATED	\$	76,788.08	
COLLECTED	\$	105.93	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	76,894.01	\$ 76,894.01

FISCAL 2010 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	7,136.28	
ABATED	\$	238.35	
COLLECTED	\$	5,924.90	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	973.03	
	\$	7,136.28	\$ 7,136.28

FISCAL 2011 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	10,344.19	
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	10,344.19	
	\$	10,344.19	\$ 10,344.19

FISCAL 2012 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	10,650.01	
COLLECTED	\$	1,693.76	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	8,956.25	
	\$	10,650.01	\$ 10,650.01

FISCAL 2013 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2012	\$	232,147.12	
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	245,164.79	
REFUND	\$	1,248.31	
ABATED	\$	1,110.78	
COLLECTED	\$	468,494.67	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	8,954.77	
	\$	478,560.22	\$ 478,560.22

FISCAL PERS PROP 2014

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	227,965.26	
COLLECTED	\$	775.26	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013	\$	227,190.00	
	\$	227,965.26	\$ 227,965.26

2012 DAIGLE WELL BETT

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2012	\$	249.27	
COLLECTED	\$	249.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	249.27	\$ 249.27

2013 DAIGLE WELL BETT

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	7,549.14	
COLLECTED	\$	7,421.49	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013	\$	127.65	
	\$	7,549.14	\$ 7,549.14

2012 TRILAKES BETT

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	4,558.06	
COLLECTED	\$	4,558.06	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	-	
	\$	4,558.06	\$ 4,558.06

2013 TRILAKES BETT

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION	\$	181,016.74	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	696.95	
COLLECTED	\$	171,636.12	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013	\$	8,683.67	
	\$	181,016.74	\$ 181,016.74

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR
REPORT
7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	2,056,134.22
APPORTIONED FY13 RE	\$170,879.71	
COLLECTED	\$35,960.20	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$1,849,294.31	
	\$2,056,134.22	\$ 2,056,134.22

MISCELLANEOUS REC.

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	\$	55,319.11
COMMITTED	\$	30,162.47
COLLECTED	\$	34,977.40
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013	\$	50,504.18
	\$85,481.58	\$ 85,481.58

COMSTAR

AMBULANCE ACCOUNT		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2012	\$	341,074.21
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	1,336,186.24
REFUNDED	\$	1,508.82
ABATED	\$	668,565.11
COLLECTED	\$	562,898.67
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013	\$	447,305.49
	\$	1,678,769.27
	\$	1,678,769.27

JULY 1, 2012- JUNE 30, 2013

TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$	25,830,072.46
AMBULANCE ACCT	\$	562,898.67
TOTAL	\$	26,392,971.13

TAXES, LIENS, EXCISES	\$	25,492,255.66
INTEREST/FEES	\$	141,387.19
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	385.67
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	\$	194,831.94
AMBULANCE ACCT	\$	562,898.67
TOTAL	\$	26,391,759.13

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LISA M BANNER

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

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TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS

2012 Vital Statistics received after last year's Annual Report

<u>Death</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>
1	Northampton	1

2013 Vital Statistics

<u>Births: Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown	1	1
Boston	--	1
Holyoke	2	2
Northampton	25	14
Springfield	41	37
Worcester	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>
Total	70	55

<u>Marriages:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	45	47
Non-Resident	28	34

Married in Belchertown: 36
Married Out-of-Town: 41

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	47	54
Non-Resident		3

Place of Death

Agawam	1	Millbury	1
Amherst	6	Northampton	6
Athol	1	Palmer	9
Belchertown	37	South Hadley	3
Boston	2	Springfield	20
East Longmeadow	1	Ware	5
Greenfield	1	West Brookfield	1
Hadley	3	Wilbraham	4
Hampden	1	Worcester	1
Longmeadow	1		

Belchertown, MA
Special State Primary
April 30, 2013

DEMOCRAT		PRECINCTS					
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
Senator in Congress	Stephen F. Lynch	34	32	56	39	161	
(Vote for One)	Edward J. Markey	144	111	79	206	540	
	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	178	143	135	245	701	
REPUBLICAN		PRECINCTS					
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
Senator in Congress	Gabriel E. Gomez	34	38	49	29	150	
(Vote for One)	Michael J. Sullivan	25	23	37	11	96	
	Daniel B. Winslow	15	15	16	9	55	
	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	74	76	102	49	301	
	Grand Total	252	219	237	294	1002	
		PRECINCTS	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Democrat	652	626	656	785	2719
		Republican	313	367	425	244	1349
		Unenrolled	1285	1321	1465	1341	5412
		TOTALS	2250	2314	2546	2370	9480
	Voted on 4/30/2013	PRECINCTS	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	10.57% voted	Democrat	178	143	135	245	701
		Republican	74	76	102	49	301
		TOTALS	252	219	237	294	1002
Attest:							
William R. Barnett							
Town Clerk							

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN
MAY 20, 2013**

	*Denotes Elected						
OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Board of Selectmen	*George D. Archible		98	91	117	51	357
3 years	*William R. Barnett		98	94	112	56	360
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		4	1	5	2	12
		Blank	<u>78</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>51</u>	269
		Total	278	234	326	160	998
School Committee	Beverly S. Phaneuf		32	37	30	22	121
	*Myndi B. Bogdanovich		98	77	121	48	344
	Thomas T. Soja		8	3	12	7	30
3 years	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	1	1
Vote for one		Blanks	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	3
		Total	139	117	163	80	499
Planning Board	*Louis A. Faassen		95	95	110	51	351
5 years	Sundry Writeins		3		1		4
Vote for one		Blank	<u>41</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>29</u>	144
		Total	139	117	163	80	499
Board of Assessors	*Raymond G. Goff		100	93	118	50	361
3 years	Sundry Writeins		0		0	1	1
Vote for one		Blank	<u>39</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>29</u>	137
		Total	139	117	163	80	499
Board of Health	*Gail L. Gramarossa		100	89	111	53	353
3 years	*Gary R. Racicot		102	90	114	51	357
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		1		0	1	2
		Blank	<u>75</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>55</u>	286
		Total	278	234	326	160	998
Housing Authority	*Chantel M. Mallalieu		94	92	109	46	341
5 years	Sundry Writeins		1		1	1	3
Vote for one		Blank	<u>44</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>33</u>	155
		Total	139	117	163	80	499
Councilor-Hampshire	*William R. Barnett		104	96	114	54	368
Council of Governments	*Kyle Vincent		99	89	108	55	351
3 years	Sundry Writeins		1		1	1	3
Vote for two		Blank	<u>74</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>50</u>	276
		Total	278	234	326	160	998
QUESTION:							
Shall the town purchase additional group life and group accidental death and dismemberment insurance for employees in accordance with the provisions of chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws with no premium contribution by the town?	Yes		81	65	97	51	294
	No		15	21	39	9	84
	Blank		<u>43</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>20</u>	121
	Total		139	117	163	80	499

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

BELCHERTOWN

MAY 20, 2013

Belchertown Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	653	626	655	784	2718
	Republican	310	369	422	245	1346
	Unenrolled	1288	1323	1470	1340	5421
	Other	12	17	12	19	60
	Total	2263	2335	2559	2388	9545
	Vote Cast on 5/20/2013					
	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	5.35%	139	117	163	80	499
Attest:						
William R. Barnett Town Clerk						

SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

JUNE 25, 2013

BELCHERTOWN, MA

DEERHURSTOWN, MA

			PRECINCTS				
<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE NAME</u>		<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Senator in Congress	Gabriel E. Gomez		287	288	346	223	1144
(Vote for One)	Edward J. Markey		356	262	286	446	1350
	Richard A. Heos		4	3	1	1	9
	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
	Total		648	554	634	670	2506
	Registered Voters	PRECINCTS	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		Democrat	650	619	651	773	2693
		Republican	310	364	419	242	1335
		Unenrolled	1277	1317	1462	1333	5389
		Others	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>60</u>
		Totals	2249	2317	2544	2367	9477
	Voted on 6/25/2013	PRECINCTS	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	26.40%		648	554	634	670	2506

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

ADA COMMITTEE

The American with Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2013 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department, Max Bock, Maintenance Department and Sally Dodge is town-appointed representative. The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary.

The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts now boasts 159 towns which have voted to create an Agricultural Commission. While each one is different because of local resources, populations and markets, they are all united in their goal of supporting their farming communities.

Last year we initiated signage to promote awareness that Belchertown is a Right to Farm Community, which supports farming activities. Expanding on the sign idea, this year we wanted to do something for our farm stands. We designed a green sign with the slogan "Belchertown Grown, Taste our Own". Some farmers now use them for advertising at various farmers markets.

Education has always been one of our goals. In April, we hosted a Poultry Workshop in which 4-H

members demonstrated the care and feeding of chickens. In October we worked with the Kestrel Land Trust and the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership to host "A Walk in the Woods" for woodland owners. Besides enjoying a great hiking opportunity, participants learned about forest management techniques, harvesting and land preservation opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Susan Gay
Judith Gillan
Alan Paige
Associate member:
John White

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Select Board. The Select Board held hearings for a large number of animal complaints in previous years, and felt the formation of a separate Board to hear these types of complaints would be prudent.

ACAB is comprised of a group of members who have a wealth of knowledge and experience with animals. All members at this time are pet owners, including kennel owners, horse breeders, animal rescuers, and a member with a service dog. ACAB works closely with Animal Control Officer, Anna Fenton.

ACAB received one (1) complaint in 2013 for running at large and canine to canine bite, which was successfully resolved within thirty (30) days.

In 2013 ACAB was a stable and dedicated Board. We are looking forward to a successful 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Breveleri
Sonya Hawkins
Carol Kasabian
Marlene Layman
Nicole Miner, Chair & Secretary
Audrey Safford
Carol Wagner

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Our department has had a very busy year. We have spent a lot of time enforcing the MA general laws and town by-laws with regard to the 3000+ dogs licensed in Belchertown.

We have been fortunate to have a great network of wildlife rehabilitators and veterinarians that have been able to help us with all our injured wildlife calls this past year. Sprucehill Veterinary Clinic in Springfield has been a huge help with our raptor and waterfowl animals along with Tuft's wildlife facility. Urban Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc. in Springfield has helped us with every orphaned baby squirrel & raccoon that our residents notified us about. They also cured a young fox of mange that we had captured and were able to release him back to the wild to live out his life.

We are currently in the process of investigating ways to get grants to deal with the feral/stray cat issues in our town. We have been very lucky to develop a great relationship with Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society with regard to our stray cat problem in town.

We continue to offer a low cost rabies vaccine/microchip clinic every year in the early

spring. We heartily recommend getting your dogs and cats micro chipped. It is the easiest way to reunite a pet with their family!!

The employees of Animal Control would like to thank the many Girl and Boy Scout Troops and 4-H groups that spent time fixing up our facility and/or doing collection drives for the animals that come to the pound. Without these young people and also the many residents both here in our town and our adopters we would be hard pressed to give the animals all the creature comforts that are provided via donation.

I would like to thank my assistants Janet Lipscomb, Carla Brooks, Terry Chevalier and Samantha Clay for everything they do to help keep all our pound animals healthy and active both mentally and physically until we find them their forever homes.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton
Animal Control Officer

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

At the Town Election in May, Raymond Goff was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Mr. Goff had previously been elected to fill the final year of Sam Joyal's term in 2012. Thomas Barry and Donald Minney remain members of the Board.

Although national and state budgets continue to underperform, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively strong. Important figures in establishing the FY13 budget included:

FY13 Total Taxable Value	1,318,029,305
Town Meeting Appropriations	\$47,315,356
Estimated Receipts/State Aid	\$24,763,875
Tax Levy	\$22,551,481
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	\$22,612,234
FY13 New Growth	\$275,771
FY13 Tax Rate	\$17.11

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon chapter

applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational or forestry uses.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year adjustment for all real estate in fiscal year 2013. With market conditions in Belchertown remaining relatively stable, there was little change to the overall market values and assessments. The Board is confident that all classes of property are being valued uniformly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
Thomas Barry, Chairman
Donald Minney
Raymond Goff

BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION (BCTV)

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate Community Channels 5, 19, and 20 on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or taped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. What we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

- Selectmen
- Planning Board
- Conservation Commission
- EDIC
- Board of Health
- The Annual Town Meeting
- Special Town Meetings
- (Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, School Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

- Most BHS Band Concerts
- Most CHCS Band Concerts
- The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony
- BHS Boys' Basketball Games
- BHS Girls' Basketball Games
- BHS Home Football Games
- BHS Wrestling
- (Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Volleyball, Chess,)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

- The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
- The Annual Belchertown Fair
- The Annual Fair Parade and Fireworks
- Some Holiday events
- Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
- Memorial Day Ceremonies

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

- St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- Dwight Chapel
- Hope United Methodist Church
- Grace Community
- Evangel of Wilbraham

Accomplishments and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

This year we were able to update the Selectmen's Meeting room with high definition equipment. We added two cameras to the two already there for better viewing angles; added a new video mixer, and most importantly a PEGVault. The PEGVault is a hard drive that stores the meeting being taped and then automatically transfers that data file to the BCTV station Ultra Nexus for later rebroadcast. This means no more DVD's for any meeting taped in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and provides instant access for our Town Administrators who need to review those meeting.

As said above we upgraded our computer driven station for a six channel Nexus to a sixteen channel Ultra Nexus. We also purchased a top of the line office computer to interface with the Ultra Nexus and 4 TB NAS drives where we now store all our programs as data files.

In August we upgraded our equipment in the Conservation Office/ Meeting Room. BCTV had installed two repurposed remotely operated cameras (they were removed from the Selectmen's Meeting Room when the 4 HD remotely operated cameras were installed). In addition we added two Omni directional overhead microphones for better sound and installed a PEGVault in that office for transfer of that meeting to our Ultra Nexus.

BCTV installed a weather station at our TV station that is currently operational and being beta tested before we go live with it on Channel 20.

BCTV changed to the VIMEO cloud based video service where we now upload all our Town Meetings. This gives computer Internet access to any town resident to those meetings. And finally, BCTV purchased a new Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS). The new UPS has more capacity and can accommodate the new equipment we purchased ensuring BCTV does not go off air during a power surge or failure.

Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who manages all BCTV Bulletin Board material. Her artistic eye, her enthusiasm, and her ability to put together a graphic page and not overburden the user with information continue to meet high standards for our Bulletin Board.

Finally thanks to our volunteers and staff: BCTV runs on community power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Dave Barnett	Pat Barry	Rachel Bittman
Mary Ann Brennen	Keith Bettencourt	Judy Bettencourt
Erinne Dull	Louise Christ	Janis Gush
John Lebrun	Audrey LePage	Shawn Lindholm
Rick Rabe	Tim Smith	

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine and Peg Louraine
General Managers, BCTV

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As our Mission statement declares, the Clapp Memorial Library is dedicated to serving greater Belchertown as a vital cultural resource and community center, striving to offer a wide range of programs and services to meet the needs of all residents. Last year's 462 programs, which are central to our community service role, were attended by 11,837 individuals. Adults were able to choose from two different monthly book discussion groups, including a newly formed mystery group. While some Library patrons signed up for a series of free meditation classes, others attended talks given by local authors on video gaming culture or writing in post-retirement. A number of happy participants at three different workshops learned to relax with art through Zentangle, and a lively all-ages crowd came to play board games of all types during International Games Day. The Library collaborated with several local food-centered groups to present a screening of a documentary on hunger in America, followed by a Feed the Fines week that allowed patrons to donate food in lieu of paying fines. The accumulated donations were delivered to Belchertown food pantries. Whether listening to traditional acoustic music performed by a traveling band of troubadours on a sultry summer night, or listening to an expert explain the ins and outs of college admissions testing, there was something to satisfy every interest.

Proving that kids don't have all the fun, 231 adults participated in the popular Summer Reading Challenge, sampling a variety of reading genres while vying for prizes. A new summer reading program for young adults was a great success, with 51 readers taking part. 477 children decided to "Dig into Reading" during the youth Summer Reading Program, and they were glad they did. Special summer programs included a bubble extravaganza called "Bubblemania", a visit from Toto the Tornado Kitten, some up-close time with small, wild creatures, learning to hula hoop, a roller skating party, and impersonating a Jedi. Throughout the year, there was dancing, a participatory music series or two, a Halloween author visit, special movie nights, and "Magic the Gathering" sessions for devotees of the game. While the Friends of the Library generously sponsor nearly all Library programs, the Florence Savings Bank provided much appreciated funding for special events associated with the Summer Reading Program.

Once again, the Junior Volunteers program provided valuable work and community service experience to 41 young adults who contributed to the library in a variety of ways over the summer. To further serve this group, a new, small but cozy alcove is dedicated exclusively to young adults and the young adult collection, and extended evening study hours were offered to Belchertown High School students during their winter exam period, giving them access to computers, photocopying services, reference sources, and tutoring help. With artwork from BHS art classes, the Library was able to enliven its interior by hosting three exhibits showcasing local teen talent, giving the student work terrific public exposure.

As in years past, the library continues to welcome all kindergarten classes on their bi-weekly visits when they choose books, listen to a story, and grow into confident library users. Many of these children would have already attended the "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" program offered at the Library in the summer. Introducing children to reading, learning, and socialization also takes place at four different weekly story hours and at five book discussion groups offered for a range of age groups. In collaboration with the schools, programs aligned with "Screen-Free Week" encouraged alternatives to screen entertainment, and the "Week of the Young Child" was celebrated with a Parade and a rousing concert. The popular "PAWS to Read" program lets children improve their skills in a relaxed setting, while reading to a certified therapy dog.

Maintaining and preserving the historic Library building is an important responsibility, aided this year by a Belchertown Community Preservation Act grant. Grant funds, which were matched by funding from the Friends of the Library, provided for improvements to the North entryway, including refurbished doors, interior painting, new carpeting, electrical upgrades and a rebuilt public restroom. The work was successful in preserving the historical grandeur of the building while updating the structure to support today's heavy usage.

A new Library Long Range Plan was completed in September, the distillation of input from a public survey (completed by 700 respondents), two community focus groups, and considerable detailed planning. This working document will guide the Library through the next five years as we continue to assess and improve services. In addition to a collection of 23,000 books, 5,400

DVDs, over 3,500 audiobooks, 1,000 music CDs and 81 magazine subscriptions, the Library offers museum passes, daily newspapers, public internet computers and wireless access, Nook E-readers loaded with over 80 popular titles, a selection of "walk-in on-demand bestsellers" (no waiting lists!), and online databases including Mango Language Learning and the popular genealogy sources, Heritage Quest and Ancestry. A library card is all you need!

In FY 2013, the library recorded over 100,000 visits, and circulated 134,137 items to its 8,940 cardholders. An additional 18,574 items were borrowed for our patrons from other libraries, utilizing the efficient statewide interlibrary loan system. Through our membership in C/WMARS, the library resource sharing consortium, our users have access to collections totaling over 6 million items, with borrowing privileges at 155+ libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts. This consortium also provides library users with 'round the clock access to a digital collection of downloadable content, including tens of thousands of e-books and audiobooks.

The hard-working Friends of the Library continue to provide essential support, funding programs, services, equipment and other special needs beyond the reach of our budget. This year, they purchased beautiful, comfortable new tables and chairs, a new projector for movie nights, and a desperately needed new handicapped door. This is but a sampling of the ways in which they support the Library year after year. We also thank our top-notch team of volunteers who contributed 924 hours of their time to the Library. Teen volunteers contributed 613 of these hours!

There's always something new to discover at the Library. We invite you to visit, get a library card if you don't already have one, and let the fun begin!

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila McCormick,
Library Director

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Now in its successful eighth year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown.

These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including recreation. This year a change in the legislation allowed for CPA funds to be utilized in rehabilitating existing recreational facilities.

Under the CPA, the state-match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge of 1.5% averaged \$35 per household/year. This year the state provided a 27% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2013 was \$196,030.00 and the state match was \$50,862.00. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown greatly multiplied the town's own contributions.

The 2013 Annual Town Meeting approved CPA projects expected to cost approximately \$1,127,800. However because of other cost shares, these projects only required an appropriation of \$335,300 in CPA funding.

Projects funded by the November 26, 2012 Special Town Meeting and the 2013 Annual Town Meeting include:

- Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR), Wenzel Farm Property
- Rehabilitation of the Community Skate Park
- Lake Vale Cemetery gravestone rehabilitation
- Digitization of Sentinel papers, 1915-2007
- Hope United Methodist Church ADA compliance
- Historical Building Survey of significant buildings outside the historical district
- Jessica's Boundless Playground

The CPC is committed to an open process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included: James Natle, Chairman; Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair; Betsy Loughran, Clerk; Megan Manitsas; Leslie Squires; Edwina Cruise; Tracey Thompson; Judy Healy; Bill Barnett, Selectman Liaison

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held thirty-two hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; twenty-two of these were Requests for Determination, eight were Notices of Intent and two for amended Orders of Conditions. The Commission issued five Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plan for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Conservation Commission administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the town. This responsibility is for the enforcement and permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations which went into effect in January, 2008. For the year 2013, there were twenty applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission has also been working with the owners of the Cold Spring Golf Course to assist them with the monitoring of the construction for the new golf course and driving range.

It has been another banner year for land protection in Belchertown! The Town was notified in late November that we were awarded a \$133,650.00 grant from the State. This land acquisition will become an addition to the existing 63 acre Jabish Brook Conservation area. The conservation goals for this property acquisition are to protect a large tract of contiguous forestland and watershed property. These 90 acres, located on Daniel Shays Highway, (Route 202), contains wildlife habitat

and connectivity to the Quabbin Reservoir. The Belchertown Community Preservation Committee has been approached to consider assistance with additional funding of \$79,870.00. We now have the opportunity to acquire an additional 90 acres to the Jabish Brook Conservation Area property through the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity, (LAND) Grant program of the Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This land purchase must be voted on and approved at the May 12, 2014 Town meeting.

The Conservation Commission has been involved in numerous conservation area stewardship projects, collaborating with both private and public organizations, as well as individuals. Both the Meads Corner Conservation Area and the Holland Glenn Conservation Area have had baseline documents completed by the Kestrel Land Trust and additional signage was posted. The Conservation Commission would like to thank all volunteers and the Belchertown Department of Public Works for all their assistance with the stewardship and maintenance of our conservation areas.

The Conservation office is in the process of reorganizing our web page and updating our maps. The Conservation Commission office has spent a lot of time updating the 2013-2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan, (OSRP), which will continue to qualify Belchertown for many state grants. The purpose of this document is to revise the 2008–2012 OSRP, based on an updated needs assessment, survey results and prioritization. The plan has been sent to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in December for their final review. The new open space and recreation goals and objectives for 2013-2020 will continue to incorporate this data reflecting community concerns for the Town and provide Belchertown with resource and recreational management guidelines and strategies for the next seven years.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2014-2015 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect and maintain valuable resource areas and open space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted;
David Haines, Chairman
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner

John Henry, Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Commissioner
Polly Prunuske, Associate Commissioner
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator
And Michele Nowak, Department Clerk

COUNCIL ON AGING/SENIOR CENTER

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). Executive Director, Bill Korzenowski, manages the day-to-day operations. The Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. Current board members include George Dion, Chairperson, Lois Dorn, Vice Chair, Donna Bozoglos, Al Roccanti, Maura Guzik, Sandy Farron and Jim Dowling. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We offer a Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Outreach, Insurance Counseling and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our priority in these areas. Many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance and prescription drug coverage information, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the state's Prescription Advantage program has added a heavy additional demand on this department. We are one of the few Centers in the state to have three staff members trained as SHINE insurance counselors. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Transportation continues to be a major issue as many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for service outstrip our ability to meet the need. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTa is still a pressing matter. The Council began providing a bi-monthly trip to Wal-Mart and Big Y in response to the need expressed by seniors. During FY13, our handicapped accessible vans transported 436 different seniors on over 9700 individual trips. The Executive Director of the Senior Center has been successful in submitting two mobility assistance grants to obtain new 14-passenger vehicles costing \$58,000 each from the Executive Office of Transportation over the last three years. These vehicles have been put into service allowing us more flexibility in scheduling. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with transportation and a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. The Council received a generous bequest from the estate of a former client, Ella Prescott to help support this program. This program provided 1600 hours of service to almost 100+ seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. This program is partially

funded by a Federal Title IIIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. This program has grown from having a budget of \$3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over \$25,000. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making every effort to maintain this service and advocate for additional transportation services and funds.

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritionally balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes throughout the year. During the FY12 period, 424 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 13,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. We have maxed out the capacity in our dining room on a variety of occasions in the past year. Our Home Delivered Meals Program served an additional 27,000 meals to 140 different seniors. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. Currently we have had to suspend utilizing our own frozen meals for weekend use and have been forced to offer prepackaged meals from a caterer. These meals have preservatives and chemical stabilizers added to the meals. EOEa has continued to refuse to allow us to use our own "fresh frozen" meals despite repeated requests from the COA and complaints from seniors. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those

who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers. Seventeen different seniors and their families were served by this program in FY 13.

Mental Health issues are affecting many seniors. Depression is very common in the elderly and contributes significantly to related health problems. Lack of Mental Health services continues to be an issue for seniors.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we also operate a non-food item distribution program, which helps our seniors to stretch their income. Items include household cleaning items, laundry products and personal care items. Donations and fundraising help support this program.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, daily exercise classes, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, Zentangle, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups, Wii bowling and other virtual exercise classes, and three different musical groups. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. Computer classes are offered weekly and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Wellness programming continues to expand. One hundred fifty four people participated in a variety of programs. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Flex & Tone exercise program, Osteo-exercise class, Yoga, Tai Chi and Zumba continue to be very popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. Staffing issues prevent the offering of more evening programs.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing volunteer opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizations, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation service for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home. A Health & Safety Fair was held at the High School for the third year and another is planned for April 2014.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over eighty citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY13. Over 15,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of at least \$165,000. Our Fundraising group, the Belchertown Senior Citizen's Center Association provides financial support through fundraising events and through proceeds from "Second Best", a used clothing and housewares store located next to the Senior Center. This store serves the entire community and donations are welcome. Their dedication and financial support helps fund our programs and services.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Belchertown's Cultural Council fostered a number of cultural events and activities in 2013, involving local area artists and craftspeople. Belchertown's share from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was \$3,940. to be divided among local artists.

The Cultural Council funded music programs at Senior Center by Donna Lee Honeywell ("America's Best Loved Duets"), and David Neill (History, Life and Times of Louie Armstrong), as well as a performance by storyteller Richard Clark (And Now, Mark Twain!).

The Council funded a songwriting workshop by the Gypsy Wranglers. This program benefitted Belchertown teens at Jabish Brook Middle School.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. Mental health services for seniors are lacking and we have begun an initiative involving several local organizations to address this need. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Over half our budget comes from grants, fees, and other outside funding sources. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. We now have over 2800 seniors over the age of 60 and 1000 seniors in the 60-65 year age range. The senior population will double in the next ten years as the Baby Boomers age and new 55+ housing continues to be built in town. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that more affordable senior housing and an in-town assisted living facility should be a priority and the need for additional expansion of the current senior center complex is inevitable. Our seniors should be able to remain in the town they helped build and receive services they need. As we place a priority on educating our children we need to prioritize services for those who helped build this town.

The Belchertown Council on Aging's Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.

Several programs at the Clapp Memorial Library were funded, including 2013's "Dig Into Reading" children's program.

The Council funded the 2013 Massachusetts Walking Tour Concert at The Clapp Memorial Library and performances by the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestras.

We funded the National Art Honor Society's "Project Linus," where students crafted blankets which were donated sick children at the Shriner's hospital in Springfield.

Denise Fontaine-Pincince's "Art with Poetry" project taught Belchertown students the art of mixing poetry with fantastic 3-D designs which were displayed at the Clapp Library.

The Belchertown Cultural Council is always willing to consult with townspeople who wish to find a way to fund projects and programs in town. We thank those who have designed and presented programs.

Council members are: Lew Holzman, Bruce Klockars, Claudia Bermudez, Jennifer Whitehead,

Jennifer Meighan, Tim Kennedy Carey Southwick-Fink and Cathy Hews.

For the Council,
Matt Grillo

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

During 2012 the EDIC overcame many obstacles that were blocking the development of the site. The EDIC was able to solve the indemnification issues in the Memorandum of Agreement between EDIC and DCAM with help from Mass Development and our legislators. Weston Solutions had become a key player in planning for construction of a 160 unit assisted living center. In mid-2013 Mass Development became the Master Developer for the site and Weston stepped back to await the formal process and RFP's. Mass Development has continued to work towards the development of the State School property. During 2013 the governor signed the release of a key additional parcel from DCAM to the EDIC. Mass Development has presented a conceptual plan for the site to the EDIC, Town Selectman, the Planning Board and Town Manager. All parties are working together to design a master plan that fits with the overall goals of the Town Plan. In January, 2014, Mass Development posted an RFP for the development of an assisted living facility on approximately 3 acres (or more) of the State School site.

Directors:

William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Spiegel
Juanita Holler, FAIA
Ken Dorey
Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat
Beth Maroney, Financial Seat

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During 2013 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. Also the towns CTY instant notification system continues to provide general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the town's emergency plan, and participates in continuing education seminars around New England, which focus on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All these agencies fall under the direction of Homeland Security.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock
Emergency Management Director

FAIR AND PARADE COMMITTEE

Belchertown celebrated its 156th annual fair. This year's theme was "Welcome to the Herd," allowing exhibitors and town groups to use their imaginations to come up with ideas to decorate their booths and floats.

Due to the mosquito-borne disease threat, Thursday night's fireworks were not held to ensure our community's safety. This is the same threat that cancelled last year's fireworks.

Amusement rides were provided by Mark Fanelli Traveling Amusements Company. Friday night opened with wristband sales for rides. Christ Community Church sponsored Kids' Night Out, a chance for the children to play games and have fun at no cost to the parents.

Giant pumpkins were weighed in and first place went to Audrey Wanczyk with a 309lb pumpkin. Charlotte Wanczyk came in second place with 244lbs and Sandra Lamontagne in third with 220lbs.

Saturday morning, with the welcome of our sidewalks back, people lined Main Street for the parade. Professional units included American Legion Color Guard, Belchertown Police Department and Belchertown Town Officials lead the parade. Amateur groups included the Boy and Girl Scouts, Belchertown Twirlers and several dance companies to name a few. Bringing up the end of the parade were the local fire departments, as well as surrounding companies. Most people's favorite, the Shriners, brought multiple divisions to please the crowd. The Judge's Award for Best Presentation of Theme for the second year in a row was Friends of Clapp Memorial Library.

Other awards include:

- 1st Place Float: Belchertown Cub Scouts Pack 57
- 1st Place Band: Belchertown High School Band
- 1st Place Antique Car: Bill Drawec
- 1st Place Antique Truck: Natalya Siniscalchi
- 1st Place Antique Tractor: David Dayher
- 1st Place Antique Apparatus: Monson Bellman-American Lafrance
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest: Molly Adams
- Helen Papp Award: Lloyd Butler, Jr.
- Exhibit Hall Grand Champion: Holland Farms and Regina Haines
- Glenn Butler Award: Molly Adams
- Fair Cake Adult: Aimee Henderson
- Hubert and Jennie Greene Award: Kari Bachand
- People's Choice Award Adult: Meagan Horak
- People's Choice Award Youth: Helen Austin
- Preston Atwood Award: Ryan Butler

Also occurring were two favorite events: horse and oxen pulls. Also, the rabbit and poultry shows brought in some nice awards.

The winners for the horse pulls:

- Austin Teamsters Award Under 3300: Ben Lowe
- Over 3300: Mary Margaret Cole
- 3300 and under: John Keyser with Bob & Jerry-14,000lbs
- 3300 and over: Jill Malloy with Turkey & Buck- 16,000lbs

The winners for the oxen pulls:

- 2400 and under: Audet Brothers with Jim & Jake- 9,000lbs
- 2800 and under: Audet Brothers with Buck & Bill
- 3200 and under: Mike Audet with 11,500lbs
- Free Class over 3200: Audet Brothers with Duke & Gill-14,500lbs



The winners for the Rabbit Show:

- Senior Showmanship: Basil Trombly
- Junior Showmanship: Parker Mas
- Novice Showman: McKenzie Fitz
- Clover Showmanship: Caelan Finnie
- Best of Show: Courtney Riggie
- Best Reserve: Tate Mason
- Herdsmanship Award: Laurel Lameroux & Kiley Osborne



The winners for the Poultry Show:

- Best in Show Bantam: Sabrina O'Grady
- Reserve Bantam: Sabrina O'Grady
- Best Water Fowl: Emily Lackie
- Cloverbud Showmanship: Zachary Zalinsky
- Junior Showmanship: Sabrina O'Grady
- Novice Showmanship: Anna Jamieson
- Senior Showmanship: Basil Trombly
- Rooster Crowing Contest: Sabrina O'Grady
- Hen Race Winner: Sabrina O'Grady



There were many other events that happened over the weekend. The social tent was busy entertaining fairgoers from all ages. The Kids' Tent and the 4-H tent were always buzzing with activities. Our Exhibit Hall is second to none. What a great job Wendy and her crew do!

Countless hours are spent on planning the Fair. The Fair Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments, Department of Public Works, Town Hall and the Town Hall staff. Thank you to our volunteers and sponsors for all of your help!

Looking forward to next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chairman
Fair and Parade Committee

BELCHERTOWN FIRE - RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Fire – Rescue Department is a combination of the towns' fire and emergency medical ambulance service.

The Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection, and environmental conservation to our community, along with our high quality Emergency Medical Services. We

continue to provide 7/24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of sixteen full-time staff, six part-time, and forty call/volunteer firefighters in addition to the great-continued

support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

It has been another very challenging year with funding however town meeting continues to support our requests to maintain the level of the service we provide. With due diligence towards spending, keeping the taxpayer in mind, we continue our commitment in providing the best Fire Protection, and Pre-Hospital Paramedic level care possible to the members of our community.

This past year the department lost a seventeen year veteran recognized by most as our fire marshal or Inspector of Fire Prevention, Mr. John C. Workman. John was selected by the town of Southamptton to become their new Fire Chief. We wish him well in his new position of opportunity.

Ten volunteers committed themselves to a 160-hour emergency medical technician course that was taught in our fire station by Greenfield Community College and paid for by Wing Memorial Health Foundation of Palmer. In the near future, members will be able to assist with a quicker response time when those 911 requests for a second ambulance.

Nineteen years ago the department and fire association purchased quality ice rescue equipment. Since that time it has been used to assist with dog rescues, but never for an actual person. This Spring, two ice fisherman broke through the ice and properly trained firefighters used their skills and rescue equipment to save their lives.

Late in the year we restructured our full time staff so that we could have three people on per a shift, up from two; which will help in the event of second ambulance requests, or fire calls.

The department also lost a dedicated 50-year member and friend, with the passing of Deputy Fire Chief Hugh "Johnny" Hubbard. John was a class act, well respected role model that served with five Chiefs as a Deputy to three. Sadly he will be missed, but his memories will not be forgotten. Overall there was a slight increase in actual fire events; however fire prevention activities and

permits stayed about the same. The ambulance transported 1,299 emergency 911calls, showing a continued increase in service. The actual numbers of ambulance requests that were not transported is probably another 200 calls.

In closing I would like to thank the firefighters and paramedics of the department along with my dedicated office assistant, for their continued support and dedication to serve. In addition I would also like to thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without the family support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional people take an active role in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Fire Chief

Types of Responses 2013:

Structure Fires	17
Ambulance Responses	1299
Vehicle Fires	07
Vehicle Extrication	02
Wildland Fires	21
CO Alarms	40
Hazardous Spills	07
Faulty Appliance	22
Sounding Alarms	92
Investigations	135
Mutual Aid	07
Total	1649

Inspections and Permits:

Open Burning	825
Smoke Detector	232
Oil Burner	65
Propane Storage	130
Underground Tank Removal	11
Fuel Storage	06
Blasting	02
Total	1271

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Hampshire Council of Governments (Council) is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2013 were \$52,256. The dues collected help support Council programs and services. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the assessment and to expand services.

For every dollar spent on Council programs, participating western Massachusetts communities receive at least three dollars back in taxpayer savings and value. All of our programs and services are designed to save taxpayer money, keep investments local, and contribute to a healthy, sustainable environment. All revenue generated is reinvested back into local communities.

In Fiscal Year 2013 the Town of Belchertown used the following Council programs and services with an estimated savings and value of \$920,169: Hampshire Power; Municipal Aggregation; Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative; Healthy Hampshire/Mass In Motion grant; RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties; Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust; Tobacco Free Community Partnership for Hampshire and Franklin Counties. *By taking advantage of the unused and underutilized programs and services the town can maximize value and increase savings.*

ADMINISTRATION

The Council began a campaign to address significant areas of deterioration of the structural integrity of the historic Courthouse. The cost to restore the Courthouse is in excess of \$3.7 million. The Council has approached local Community Preservation Act Committees requesting financial support. State and federal funding sources will also be identified because the building is owned by the 'inhabitants of Hampshire County' and is our shared historic legacy.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

Hampshire Power is the only local electricity supplier with a non-profit mission to save you money and keep electricity dollars in the local economy. Achievements in FY 2013:

- Expanded Product offerings to include Fixed Price product that offers long term rates designed to be below the default utility price.
- Expanded customer base to cover all five western Massachusetts counties.

Community Choice Aggregation is a program for residential and business customers designed to bring choice and control and cost savings to the electricity market. Now with over 160,000 people covered under the Council's Aggregations, the buying power enhances the opportunity for savings. The program has moved forward with the filing of a plan on behalf of thirty-eight communities.

- The Department of Energy Resources recommended approval of the plan by the Department of Public Utilities.
- Additional towns are lining up to join the program.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative: The Cooperative is celebrating its 32nd year serving western Massachusetts' communities and school districts. The program coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2013 was \$6,244,980.58 with an estimated savings of \$722,112.67 for participating communities.

Hampshire IT: The Council operates a professional, affordable, and comprehensive IT service tailored to municipalities and school districts by partnering with Paragus, Strategic IT. The program has experienced growth over the past year and continues to add new towns. The more towns join the contract, the lower the hourly rate for everyone participating in the program.

Regional Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping: Recognizing that towns have experienced a decline in available and qualified town accountants, the Council established a professional accounting and bookkeeping service. In Fiscal Year 2013 the Council provided accounting services for the Towns of Goshen and Granby, WiredWest, Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, Hampshire Group Insurance

Trust, and Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative.

Healthy Hampshire/Mass in Motion Grant:

The Council was awarded a multi-year grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to create Healthy Hampshire (HH) and we have been working through municipal and community leaders to effect changes to community policies and systems that have been shown to have a measurable impact on health. Goals of Healthy Hampshire include:

- Improve nutritional quality of school meals and snacks
- Increase the number of students walking and biking to school
- Increase the number of healthy options available to consumers in small retail outlets
- Create healthy design standards for municipalities to follow when considering any new development or retrofits

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INSURANCE TRUST (HCGIT)

The Trust has once again held their costs down with no premium increases for the 2013 Insurance Year. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products.

In the Insurance Year 2013 (April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013), the collective premium for the Trust was approximately \$48 million. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent health benefits.

Wellness Initiative Program

The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program promoting healthier choices and behaviors amongst employees covered by the HCGIT. It utilizes health risk data and employees' needs and interest surveys to develop program strategies to address the risk factors of the insured.

Mini grants awarded to fund Worksite Wellness Teams help to develop and implement wellness programs using the data to develop evidence based programs to address the risks of their populations. A few of the programs support by the Wellness Initiative included:

- Spring Challenge – 225 participated in this physical fitness challenge by walking, biking, raking leaves running logging thousands of hours, steps and miles.
- Passport to Health – screenings conducted at worksites to help employees know and understand their biometric numbers
- Nutrition programs including “Start your day the healthy way” and Healthy Local Potlucks
- Colonoscopy Promotion – a yearlong promotion beginning in April 2011 to encourage our subscribers to have a colonoscopy – for both prevention and diagnostic reasons – colonoscopies save lives.

SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Sustainability Department is to promote green energy development and energy conservation projects throughout the Western Massachusetts region. The Council is involved in a long term effort to support the local and regional economy and help it to become more sustainable. In Fiscal Year 2013 the Sustainability Department has

- Initiated and managed a Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECS) brokering program which as of July 1, 2013, has 126 clients and 973kW under contract.
- Created and administered a large RFP to promote the development of solar PV projects in municipalities throughout western Massachusetts. Moving ahead with a 850kW solar array in Wilbraham.
- Monitored Massachusetts solar and green energy markets and provided guidance to member towns on the direction of the green energy markets.
- Assisted the Town of Middlefield in the implementation of its Green Community Energy Reduction Plan. Including the installation of a 12kW solar array.
- Worked closely with Hampshire Power to create and offer and financially viable solar net metering option for Hampshire Power member municipalities.

- Provided technical assistance to contracted clients on a fee for service basis through the position of the Sustainability Director.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties is the Council's community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing, and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies. The program benefits the senior population by keeping them active and engaged, and benefits our region by bringing these volunteers' dedication, wisdom, and expertise to bear on our communities' most pressing needs.

- During Fiscal Year 2013, 681 RSVP volunteers gave more than 112,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$3 million.
- RSVP volunteers serve at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, after school programs, survival centers, and senior centers in towns across the two counties.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 67 volunteers led weekly strength training classes for more than 500 seniors
- 14 volunteers worked with students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills
- 169 volunteers increased food security in our region through service at food banks, survival centers, and senior meal programs.
- 338 volunteers improved the quality of life for almost 14,000 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

THE TOBACCO FREE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (TFCP)

The Hampshire and Franklin County Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities' efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke by enhancing

state and local tobacco control efforts, exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Cessation and Prevention program, TFCP serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts. The programs successes include:

- Passed updated tobacco regulations in three Hampshire County towns that prohibit the sale of tobacco in health care institutions (including pharmacies), restrict the sale of single cheap cigars, ban the sale of blunt wraps, and limit youth access to nicotine delivery products like e-cigarettes.
- A strong presence in creating Smoke Free Environments. In addition to efforts that resulted in the Yankee Candle Company implementing a tobacco free property policy at their flagship store, distribution center and corporate headquarters, Yankee Hill apartments (Easthampton) and the Ware Housing Authority have also adopted a smoke free policy within their housing developments. These policies eliminate the risk of secondhand smoke exposure.
- Individual presentations were made at over 16 community based organization regarding Other Tobacco Products (OTP) and smoking cessation and smoke free housing policy. These presentations were frequently addressed to family support staff within the organizations.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Administrative Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org, FB, and Twitter.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett, Councilor
Kyle Vincent, Councilor

BOARD OF HEALTH & QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Board of Health Permit/License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2013.

Private Drinking Water Well Permits:	20 (17 New Construction, 3 Replacements)
Septic Permits:	56 (19 New Construction, 37 Repairs)
Perc Test Applications:	55 (25 New Construction, 30 Repairs)
Bakery:	2
Day Camp Permit:	2
Ecology Can Permits:	1
Food Establishment Permits:	20
Frozen Dessert License:	6
Funeral Director License:	1
Limited Food Establishment Permits:	7
Milk & Cream Licenses:	26
Mobil Food Permits:	2
Mobil Home License:	1
Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/ Furnaces Variance Permits:	0
Piggery License:	1
Public Pool Permit:	1
Public Spa Permit:	0
Residential Kitchen Permits:	3
Retail Food Permits:	15
Septic Hauler's Permits:	6
Septic Installer's Permits:	37
Tanning Unit Permits:	2 permits/ 8 units
Temporary Food Permits:	21
Tobacco Retail Permits:	12
Food/Retail Review:	1

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Quabbin Health District

Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health in 2013:

Giardiasis	1	Haemophilus Influenzae	1
Influenza	24	Lyme Disease	10
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	2	Salmonellosis	2
Hepatitis C	1	Streptococcus Pneumoniae	1
Cholera	1		

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The 43 cases listed above are those which have been confirmed. An additional 22 suspected cases were reported in 2013 of which 19 were for suspected Lyme Disease. The recent addition of a computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

- The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:
- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Ruth Amador, R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

In addition, in 2013, The Health Department vaccinated 34 senior citizens or other town residents at risk for flu complications. Home visits are performed for fragile or home-bound seniors who can't attend an immunization clinic.

- List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:
- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Cases follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Amador, RN, MSN

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals.

On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

In 2013, I conducted inspections of 206 farms. The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on those inspections:

ANIMAL COUNT

Horses under 1 year old	2	Horses over 1 year old	441
Beef Cattle under 2 years old	106	Beef Cattle over 2 years old	108
Steers	1	Dairy Cattle under 2 years old	15
Dairy Cattle over 2 years old	52	Goats under 1 year old	0
Goats over 1 year old	40	Sheep under 1 year old	3
Sheep over 1 year old	23	Feeder Pigs	13
Breeder Pigs	0	Llamas under 1 year old	4
Lamas over 1 year old	38	Chickens	958
Water Fowl	132	Game Birds	21
Rabbits	84	Turkeys	7

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices.

In 2013, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filled with the Belchertown Board of Health office:

Dog bites 19
Cat bites 2

Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 17

One bat and two horses were sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing. All tested negative for Rabies, both Horses tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Flebotte, Animal Inspector

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 26,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2013.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	55	36	8
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	19	1	1
Septic Application Review (Repair)	37	32	5
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	58	33	36
Well Application Review	20	NA	1
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-inspections	24	157	16
Lead Paint Inspections	1	0	0
Condemnations (#of units)	1	3	0
Food Service Inspections (routine and complaint)	113	134	4
New or Remodeled Food Plan review	2	2	0
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	21	18	0
Beaver Permits	4	3	0
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated, and Orders issued as warranted	17	30	0
Tanning Bed Licensure	2	2	NA
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	2	0	0
Tattoo/Body Art Establishments	NA	1	NA
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	1	1	NA
Meetings/Hearings	11	9	10

Total: Inspection Activities District-wide: 931

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2013 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2014 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers Matt Dow, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk. I also would like to thank Ware Public Health Nurse Abby Melendy, R.N. and Belchertown Public Nurse Ruth Amador, R.N. for their hard work this year.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

HISTORIC DISTRICT BYLAW COMMISSION

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic district provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district.

During the past year we reviewed plans for proposed work within the Historic District that did not require public hearings and therefore were issued a "Certificate of Non-Applicability". These include 12 Park Street to replace roof and 4-8 Park Street to replace roof. We issued

Certificates of Applicability to the following: 25 Maple Street to remove existing asphalt roof and replace with a metal roof and 37 Main Street for the construction of a new sign. We reviewed two Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness which were denied. These include: 10 Park Street, to replace existing windows with vinyl windows and 31 Main Street, to place two fuel storage tanks on property.

There have been no changes in the membership of this commission during 2013. There is one vacant seat on this Commission.

There were no preservation awards presented during 2012 by The Historic District Bylaw Commission.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Smith, Chair
Peter Roberts
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In 2013 the Belchertown Historical Commission (BHC) continued its work to document and promote the town's historic resources. In collaboration with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), the BHC hired ttl-architects, LLC to document 135 historic properties in Belchertown. The survey was funded by grants from MHC and the Belchertown CPC, and completed in November 2013. Copies of the survey forms will be available in the Town Clerk's office, the Clapp Memorial Library, and the archives of the Stone House Museum, as well as on the state's searchable MACRIS database.

Other initiatives the BHC undertook in 2013 include strengthening collaborations between the BHC and the Historic District Commission and Stone House Museum. We also discussed the role that we may play in the development of the Belchertown State School property in promoting the historic preservation of the property, and commemorating the heritage and history of the State School institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Squires, Chairman
Maxine Oland
Sue Fulton
Erika Hamilton
Judith Fuller-Gillan
Richard Keating

BELCHERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 12 family housing apartments and three Department of Developmental Services (DDS) houses. The Housing Authority is managed by an Executive Director appointed by the elected Board of Commissioners and is operated according to the policy of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Ave OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. The telephone number is 413-323-4064.

Elderly/disabled apartments are located at 41 Everett Avenue. Each unit has a living room/kitchen combination, bedroom and bathroom. Apartments are located on first and second floors. On site parking is available. The office building contains a coin operative laundry room and a community room, which has additional amenities for tenant use. Heat, electric and trash pick-up are included in rent. There is on site maintenance and a 24 hour answering service. Family housing (2, 3, and 4 bed) is located at State Street and George Hannum Road. Each apartment is two floors. The first floor has a kitchen, living room/dining room combination, laundry closet and half bath. The second floor holds the bedrooms and a full bath. Off street parking is available. Trash pick up is included in the rent.

The rent for the elderly/disabled and family apartments is determined based on net annual income. The DDS housing is located at State Street, George Hannum and East Walnut Street. The houses on State Street and George Hannum are administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and East Walnut Street is administered by the Western Massachusetts Consortium.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela Rogers - Executive Director
Martina Robinson - Chair
George Dion - Vice Chair
Sandra Haigh - Affirmative Action Officer
Chantel Mallalieu - Treasurer

HOUSING NEEDS AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The Housing Needs and Assessment Committee met several times during 2013 and continues working to establish the creation of an inventory of affordable housing opportunities in the Town of Belchertown, to assess current and future needs, and to create an action plan to fulfill those needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Delgado-Bachmann
Marcia Jakubasz
Sandra Dunbar
Matthew Charette
David D'Amours, Jr.

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department issued thirty-two (32) new construction-building permits for single-family residences and two (2) new construction-building permits for business/commercial during the year 2013.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1344. New Single-family residence permits for the year 2013 increased significantly in comparison to previous years 2012-17/ 2011-15/2010-38/2009-22 and 2008-19.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and Bryan Varney and Douglas Rae are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

IT DEPARTMENT

2013 was a busy year with many challenges and many positive results.

We have changed from the MIS department to the IT department this year as part of a reclassification study. This does not result in any functional changes. We have continued to provide support to all town departments, and to maintain the software and hardware required to let others do their jobs. There were several major software updates this year along with implementing a new voice over IP telephone system that will result in a significant savings in monthly phone expenses.

All town buildings now have a common phone system allowing us to be more efficient in helping our citizens get to the right person as quickly as possible. There was a hardware infrastructure refresh required for the new VOIP phones that makes our network more robust. As part of the network project the municipal and educational networks were more fully separated on different channels of light using cwdm technology allowing each side greater bandwidth and security without the expense of running new fiber. We were able to do the majority of this work in-house saving tens of thousands of dollars in consultancy fees.

We continued to work with Mass Broadband towards a state-wide network that will allow us greater purchasing power for internet services and opportunities to work on regional projects to save taxpayer dollars. The IT department has leased space to this project which is in the final stages of testing. There are future plans to offer both commercial and residential services through this network.

We look forward to 2014 which will see a new website, public and internal wifi access at most town buildings, and new challenges as we strive to provide efficiencies and expanded services.

Thank you,
Kevin J Hannon
IT Director

LAKES COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2013, the Committee has met 7 times and has begun communications with the Tri-Lakes Association and local residents to develop Lake/Boating Regulations. The purpose of these regulations is to protect the public health and safety and to establish a uniform process by which the Lake Committee/Town can review and regulate activities that affect the lakes and other water-bodies within the Town. It is our hope that these regulations can be presented at the May 12, 2014 town meeting.

A 604B Water Quality grant application for year 2012 was approved by the State to investigate water quality issues and identify any potential stormwater runoff issues surrounding the lake regions. The Committee is working with PVPC to address the annual and long-range management

strategies needed to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals. Monies left over from this grant program will be utilized to conduct a quantitative plant survey and also develop a long term integrated plant management program for all three lakes. We would hire a limnologist/consultant for this work.

The Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2014 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman
Bonnie Strickland, Vice Chairman
Kathi Smith, Clerk
Jennica Mainville
Cathy LeBlond

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching active and leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Through the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches and the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors we were able to offer clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, volleyball, baton twirling and soccer. We welcomed back some of our old favorites such as Sundown Saunters and the popularity of Field Hockey continues to grow each season. We added new programming such as Creative Writing, Whisk-Me-Away and a Summer Youth Basketball League. Adults and children were able to take advantage of Art Classes, Take-A-Hike, Canoeing or Kayaking and Yoga.

We welcomed back many familiar faces along with new patrons this past summer to the Town Beach. We worked hard over the winter to improve our bathhouses by relocating the women's changing room giving them more room and better privacy, the men's changing room was relocated to the old women's area and renovated. The bathrooms received a fresh coat of paint and new partitions were installed. The outside of the bathhouse also received a new coat of paint and we replaced the door to the concession stand along with new paint to the outside of the building. We

would like to thank Art Lemire, the Town Beach's biggest fan, and his family for the donation of a lovely Red Oak Tree.

With the support of our loyal patrons we are able to continue to offer the following programs at our community indoor pool; American Red Cross Life Guarding Course, Stingray's Swim Team, American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, both group experiences and private lessons, morning and evening water exercise classes, lap swimming is offered 4 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools, town schools and area boys and girls organizations continued to use the facility this past year.

This past year we sadly loss our town funding for The Belchertown Teen Center but even with that loss we still continue to offer programming such as Safe Sitter, Creative Writing, Wetland Exploration and cooking classes for that targeted age group. We have been able to expand our adult programming to add additional Yoga classes along with two new adult exercising programs; Belly Dancing and Qigong. New programs in the works that will be based out of the Recreation Center will

include; Music Lessons, Garden Stone Painting and Hunger Games.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance

Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

To learn more about what we offer please check out our website at www.belchertown.org/rec or sign up for our electronic email which sends new of our upcoming programs right to your home computer.

PLANNING BOARD

In 2013, the planning board initiated and pursued several zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan

The Planning Board worked to implement the recommendations of the 2009 Community Plan in multiple ways:

The planning board developed a set of architectural design standards for non-residential buildings. This resulted in a guide for property owners and builders to use when building new projects so they can blend with the community, addressing the Community Plan's principle of retaining Belchertown's character.

The planning department provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation on the state school redevelopment.

The planning department provided assistance and advice to the UMass Center for Economic Development in its development and a fiscal analysis for the New England Small Farm Institute in support of retaining Belchertown's agricultural heritage and rural appearance.

The planning department assisted the conservation department in the grant application for the addition to Jabish Brook Conservation Area and in producing maps for revision of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The planning board met with the Housing Needs Committee, Selectmen and housing planner from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to discuss ways to improve housing affordability in town.

The planning board supported the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation's work in supporting small business development.

The planning department collaborated with the health and conservation departments in a study of pedestrian facilities and "walkability" in the town center. This project was overseen by the Healthy Hampshire project under a US Health and Human Services grant to the Hampshire Council of Governments. This project is to encourage more walking in town for health, recreation and support of community businesses and other activities that are fostered by pedestrian activity. Walking route maps should be produced in 2014.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the planning board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The planning board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Six new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created on Shea Avenue (5 lots); State Street (1 lot) – total lots: 6.

The Planning Board monitored twelve subdivisions under construction during 2013. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work during the slow real estate market, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

As part of an agreement with the developer of one subdivision, the sidewalk along George Hannum Road from the development connecting to Stop and Shop was completed by the developer at no cost to the town.

One subdivision was given a certificate of completion in 2013. This was Center Street, the street into the post office. This street was accepted as a public way at the May town meeting.

The planning board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The board works with developers to create a work plan in consideration of the slow economy and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews:

The Planning Board reviewed the site plan for Easthampton Savings Bank on State Street.

There were previously-approved site plans that were under construction during the year, including a restaurant on State Street and a commercial solar electricity project off Ware Road that are under construction.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

The planning board developed the architectural design guidelines with the assistance of Tim Inacio, a consultant specializing in building and zoning analyses. Mr. Inacio did extensive research in comparative design review processes in communities throughout the country, and primarily in New England. Through many discussions, the planning board worked out a format that is flexible while providing property owners guidance in how to build consistently with the rest of the community.

The town planner has been very active as a member of the Pioneer Valley Development Council and in the regional housing plan committee. The regional housing plan was presented at a forum in November attended by over 300 people from banking, real estate, planning, development and housing advocacy organizations.

The planning board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the planning board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the planning board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The planning board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Other Work of the Planning Department

The planning board's web page is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the planning office and planning board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The planning board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The planning board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The planning board also made recommendations to the selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The town planner manages the planning office and assists the planning board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The town planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The town planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state

agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The town planner is on the board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Plan Advisory Committee, and the advisory board of the Citizen Planners' Training Collaborative.

Planning is always made better by having good information.

Board Membership

The planning board membership in 2013 was as follows:

James Natle, Clerk and Single Signature authority (term expires: 2014);
Daniel Beaudette, (appointed to fill vacancy until 2014 election);
George Synan, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2015);
Christopher Laurenzo, Chair (term expires: 2017);
Louis Faassen, Vice Chair (term expires: 2018);
Mark Andrews, (resigned in May, 2013);

Robert Wojtczak, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits. (Appointed annually)

Staff

Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary.

Douglas Albertson is the town planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the planning board,

Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Police Department continues to remain proactive and diligent to the residents of Belchertown in 2013, providing quality professional; services to the Belchertown Community with limited resources, and budgetary restraints

Our dispatch center received 11,712 calls for services; we received 1572 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 212 arrests, for a total of 706 incidents. Officers issued 846 motor vehicles violations. The Police Department investigated 234 motor vehicle accidents.

The Police Department remains proactive and continues to embrace the community policing philosophy as our department's model of policing, offering several community based- policing programs The programs include the RAD, RAD kids programs, Dare, and the Triad program thru are local Seniors and Law Enforcement working together group (S.A.L.T) thru the Belchertown Senior Center.

The Belchertown Police Department thru a partnership with the Northwestern District Attorney's office and Hampshire County Sheriffs Dept continue to offer A Prescription Drug drop off box where residents can come to the police station and drop off unwanted prescription drugs that will be disposed of properly by the sheriff's dept, this program has been welcomed with great success.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The Belchertown Police Department continues to assign a full time school resource officer to work within the middle and high school assisting staff and students, providing security and school based education to students, faculty and staff. This initiative has been met with great success. . The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within are school district and through this cooperation continues to keep this valuable position in place . The D.A.R.E curriculum is being presented at the 5th grade level; the Police Department and the School

Department endorse the program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs and violence.

Belchertown Police Officers continue to teach the RAD and RAD kids programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. The Police Department continues to offer the Rad program at Belchertown high school for junior and senior woman so they could receive classroom credit for the program. The rad kids program thru the efforts of our school department, Swift River Elementary School and the Police Department continues to offer this important program at the 2nd grade level with continued success,

The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, this program is sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our communities' children. Safety seat installations will be held throughout the course of this coming year and by appointment. Residents may call the Police Department to make appointments for this service.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year developed both a face book and twitter page to assist our department in getting important information out to the community both informative information about situations that may take place in the community or to give the community insight to our organization, we encourage all community member to view our two developed pages and sign on to receive important information about our department.

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department continues to receive several traffic safety grants though out the course of the year, the Governors Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs through the agency Clicket or Ticket initiatives, and funds received are used to address seat belt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues in our community.

The Belchertown Police Department K-9 program continues to assist our proactive efforts in keeping the residences of Belchertown safe. Officer Adam Brougham and his Belgian Malino dog Falco , this specialized effort continues to be important to the protection of our community and surrounding communities.

Officer John Raymer was appointed to the rank of Detective in August 2013 replacing Detective James Daniels who resigned from Police service

This past year the Police Department welcomed two Reserve officers to our ranks promoted from Auxiliary Officer Positions, Officer Courtney Call and Michael Jablonski.

The Belchertown Police Department Auxiliary officer program continues to grow and strive to offer qualified candidates the ability to enter the Belchertown Police department on volunteer basis as auxiliary officers and help the department with special functions and assist the department when needed.

During the year our communications center continued to evolve with technology enhancements. Our dispatch center is now equipped with two computer based radio consoles. Dispatchers have the ability to directly communicate with contiguous communities as well with our school department and the Massachusetts State Police Troop B, Troop C and their local police area networks. In addition, the system can be used as a tool to monitor incoming resources such as mutual aid responses and frequencies can be joined together if the need arises.

The dispatch center hired Emily Oles, Kevin Vanzandt and Jeffrey Hastings as part time dispatchers that replaced dispatchers that left for other employment. The center continues to operate with only one dispatcher on at any given time.

Dispatchers as well as officers attended various continuing education courses offered by the State 911 Department as mandated by that agency to maintain their certifications. New police employees were also sent to training sessions that included a five day basic telecommunicator class, a three day medical dispatch class and a two day 911 equipment training class prior to the start of their patrol duties.

At the close of 2013 the department was awaiting word on approval of the FY14 Support and Incentive Grant award of \$31,036.00. These funds will be utilized to upgrade our telephone system and purchase a recording device that will network with the new system. Some furniture, computers and monitors will be replaced. The remaining analog security cameras will be replaced with digital models.

Once implemented the new phone system will feature an automated attendant so residents can select where their call will be routed to and also have direct access to officers' voicemails. Residents are reminded that the dispatch center continues to utilize emergency medical dispatch call talking protocols which were implemented last year. When calling dispatch with a medical emergency follow the instructions given by the dispatcher. The dispatcher will keep you on the line while sending emergency services to you and will also provide you with pre-arrival instructions.

We also reached the one year mark at the end of December since our center began dispatching the fire department. The addition has worked out well by bringing all town dispatching services together as a collaborative effort while realizing a cost savings for the town and providing residents with quality service.

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to make this community viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the Police Department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and woman of the Belchertown Police Department who work so hard and diligently in our public safety mission to keep the residences of Belchertown safe.

Respectively submitted,

Francis R. Fox Jr.
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2013 was undoubtedly one of the busiest years for the Department of Public Works. The year consisted of several construction and demolition projects, managing unpredictable harsh winter storms that seem to have become the norm and conducting paving and repairs to our roads that utilized our time to the fullest extent. Somehow, we still managed to keep the forward momentum; always providing the "backbone" to the needs of the Town and its entities.

The long awaited completion of the reconstruction project for the Main & Maple Street Intersection, governed by MASSDOT (Massachusetts Department of Transportation), took center stage with final project costs as of January 3, 2013 totaling \$679,884.58. On July 8th, 2013 the troublesome utility pole that was located in the right turning lane was finally removed. Lane Construction Co. was then subcontracted to begin the final stages of milling, paving and line painting throughout the intersection. Other improvements consisted of new signal equipment and mast arms, new sidewalks and wheelchair ramps, and new and

reset granite curbing. In late October, the project was finalized with new striping and signage installation to properly identify vehicular lanes. Although the new intersections reconfiguration took some time for travelers to acclimate to, the overall results have proven successful. In addition, the Department subcontracted UEI Contractors, Inc., for the replacement and re-construction of the brick sidewalks/walkways leading to and from the Lawrence Memorial Hall. This work began mid-April, 2013 and was completed by the end of May, 2013. Total cost for this project was approximately \$22,000.00.

This year's winter season had a few mentionable storm events that the Department was called into action for. Such was the case on February 8-9, 2013 when a severe winter storm made its presence dumping up to 2+ feet of snow in some areas and bringing gale-force winds that downed power lines and trees throughout the town. Then again on December 13-14, 2013 a brisk winter storm event occurred overnight bringing 7" to 10" inches of snowfall. Overall our crews worked through twenty-one winter snowfall and mixed

precipitation events that required plowing, sanding and salting. In addition our private contractors provided plowing assistant during the most needed events. The Department wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the clearing of these storms and remains ready for our next winter challenge.

The Department would be remiss if we failed to mention the great strides that were made regarding the ongoing work maintaining the towns' Green Community status since designation in May 2010. In March, the Department of Energy Resources, (DOER), Green Communities Division announced that the Town of Belchertown earned an "A-Plus" rating from the state as a result of meeting the states specified criteria and in order to maintain its Green Community status. This well-deserved designation was awarded to the town for making energy improvements that resulted in saving the town thousands of dollars. In addition, the Department of Public Works continues to be a key player with ongoing work and in collaboration with the Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. Projects conducted during year 2013 are listed below:

Freedom Hall	Installation of Smart Thermostat	\$3,933.00
Senior Center	Building Envelope Improvements	\$21,739.00
Senior Center	Walk-In Cooler/Freezer Controls	\$14,424.00
Senior Center	Build-Up Roof	\$205,161.00
Senior Center	Ducted Return from Plenum	\$22,056.00

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) made its declaration for the provision of disaster relief for the February 8-9, 2013 storm on April 25, 2013. FEMA representative and project specialist, Mr. Keith McInnes met with Director, Steve Williams to conduct a "Kickoff Meeting" which was held on May 16, 2013 and in order to review the specific details entailing the town's costs and expenses utilized during this storm event. The Department readily turned over its completed compiled data in the amount of \$87,360.69 to which the town was reimbursed \$65,520.52.

GRANTS: The Department of Public works submitted one project application to the Community Preservation Committee in January, 2013. This \$22,000.00 project request was for the paving of partial roadway(s) within the South Cemetery, located on Rte. 181/Mill Valley Road. Although the Department felt this was a

noteworthy project that was geared towards providing a smoother transition both ingress and egress to the cemetery; it was declined.

The completion of repainting and the restoration of the Old Town Hall, located on Park Street was finally completed in June, 2013 with contractors Kronenberger & Sons Restoration, Inc. from Middletown, CT. completing the final application of primer and exterior paint coat finishes. This project has been noted as preserving another town historic landmark for future years to come.

ROADWAYS & RECONSTRUCTION: The Reconstruction of Route 181 gained its fullest momentum in August, 2013, when the projects plans and finances were finally awarded approval to proceed into bid construction phase for FY'14. The completion and acquisition of nearly 100 temporary and permanent easements from residents located within the scope of work are in the final process of being procured. Together, the Mass Department of Transportation (MASSDOT), Project Engineers, VHB, Inc. with representative Brian Brosnan and the Department are all working cohesively to ensure this project stays on track, on budget, and eventually brought to completion.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: The Department of Public Works continues reviewing the Stormwater Management applications annually, thus completing 20 applications for year 2013. The Departments Annual Stormwater Training for all divisions was held on February 20, 2013 and conducted by Jennifer Cavanaugh, project engineer from Fuss & O'Neil who documents and records the Departments activity for the year and in order to maintain compliance.

EARTH DAY: The Department celebrated its annual Earth Day event on Monday, April 22, 2013 by offering town recyclable orange trash bags for residents wishing to partake in the collection of roadside trash. A total of 90 large trash bags were given out to 9 participants who collected trash in various locations throughout the town. All trash was disposed of at the towns' Transfer Station. The Department wishes to thank all town residents who participated in this years Earth Day event and appreciates your effort towards keeping our community green.

SAFETY: Our Safety Committee was active this past year as well. They organized departmental training in several topics including: Work Zone /Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space,

Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walk through of the DPW buildings to insure safe work practices and improvements were being implemented.

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: In 2013, the Department was able to purchase the following vehicles and equipment as listed below:

One Ford F350, 4 x 4 pickup truck w/plow-new
Neuson Wacker- Mower w/side attachments- new
Swenson New Hydraulic Sander-new

The following list comprises of the Departments surplus vehicles and equipment:

- 40' x 70' +/- Metal Building (Morton type building)
- 190' +/- Tall Metal Communication Tower
- 1995 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck
- 1986 Ford Dump Truck
- 1997 Ford Taurus (Four Door)
- 1984 Lindsey Air Compressor (Model 125Q)
- 1999 +/- Snyder (yellow) 2,500 Gal. Storage Tank (brine/road salt)
- 2005 Manufacturer Unknown (white) 2,500 Gal. Storage Tank (brine/road salt)

HIGHWAY DIVISION: On July 17, 2013, the Department bid farewell to its mechanic, Edward Forgette who entered into retirement after 35 years. The Department wishes to thank Ed for his many years of service to the town. In August, the Highway Division was able to hire two new mechanics who were ready, willing and able to jump right into the care, repairs and maintenance of our entire fleet of vehicles and equipment as well as assist other town departments requiring much needed service.

The Highway Department conducted the towns' yearly maintenance consisting of crack sealing, drainage repairs and clearing of brush and removal of accumulated silt in various detention basins throughout the town. In addition, this Division completed several on-site demolition jobs, reclamation and paving projects, and corrective catch basin and drainage reparations that continued straight into the month of October.

This Department strives endlessly towards keeping our roads well traveled and maintained during all seasons of the year. During the 2012-2013 snow removal season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was

\$3,475.00 approximately -23.73 % lower than the 2011/2012 season (\$4,556.00). The total cost for the season: \$ 230,277.90.

The months between the snow seasons were spent performing the normal array of activities that included clearing vegetation from the roadsides, installing signs, cleaning catch basins, sweeping, line painting, repairing equipment, and preparing roads for resurfacing. In addition, the crew repaired potholes during eleven months of the year, shoveling approximately 620.88 tons of blacktop. That's enough to pave a ten-foot wide strip one inch deep over 1.88 miles or 3 1/3 football fields.

In July 2013, the town was finally in receipt of Chapter 90 money, that which provides reimbursement funding for paving of our roadways. The Department immediately began work on the already prepared George Hannum Road with road closings held between July 19-21 for much needed drainage repairs. Coincidentally, road repairs were being conducted in preparation for reclamation and paving in areas located on Rockrimmon Road, Barton Avenue and Hamilton Street which began on August 19 -30, 2013.

The Division was responsible for the following resurfacing/reclamation projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Ft.</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Barton Avenue	3000'	\$ 89,500
Rockrimmon Street	1000'	\$ 30,000
Green Avenue	1636	\$ 24,500
Hamilton Road	5450'	\$136,500
George Hannum Road	2444'	\$ 32,725
North Washington St.	5450'	\$ 83,000
Wilson Road	3480'	\$ 12,500
Daniel Square	1560'	\$ 25,000
Bardwell Street	1400'	\$ 30,000
Lawrence Road	1000'	\$ 12,500
Jon Drive	800'	\$ 13,500
Jeffrey Lane	600'	\$ 7,500
East Walnut Street	<u>1100'</u>	<u>\$ 18,000</u>
	28,920'	\$515,225

PUBLIC WAY ACQUISITIONS: The Department of Public Works submitted a request for the town to accept "Center Street" as a public way. The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing on April 22, 2013 to approve the acceptance of this roadway. In addition, town residents unanimously accepted the roadway under Article # 21 at the Annual Town Meeting held on

Monday, May 13, 2013. The additional footage of this roadway will now be added to the town's street listing for roadway maintenance and is contributory to the already existing list of town roads for reimbursement by Chapter 90 funding.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: The Departments Wastewater Operations Supervisor, Rollin DeWitt was awarded Employee of the Year at the Annual Town Meeting, held on Monday, May 13, 2013. Rollin was awarded for his outstanding dedication, leadership, and skills in the field. The Department is grateful for his continued successful operations at the Wastewater Treatment plant.

This year the User Sewer Charge System was amended and voted on unanimously by town residents noted in Article 22, at the Annual Town Meeting which was held on Monday, May 13, 2013. In addition, new sewer rates reflected a ten dollar increase in FY 14 sewer fees, as noted below:

South End Sewer – From \$ 646.00 per EDU/Year to \$656.00 per EDU/Year +/- \$10.00

Central District Sewer – From \$739.00 per EDY/Year to \$749.00 per EDU/Year +/- \$10.00

In addition, the residents of town voted unanimously at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 13, 2013 to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Granby for the discharge of wastewater from the Town of Granby to the Belchertown Wastewater Treatment Facility for treatment. To date, this has not come to fruition.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 136,000,000 gallons of wastewater this past year; slightly higher than what was received in 2012 (119,100,000 gallons). They also had 20 new connections during the year, five of them were from within the Tri-Lakes sewer system and fifteen came from the central area. This brings the total number of customers served up to 1,746 equivalent dwelling units.

The Department also completed the seventh year of our ten-year inflow and infiltration mitigation plan that was adopted to identify areas, which are allowing groundwater to enter the collection system. During 2013, activities included visual inspections of trouble areas, video inspections, and

a cleaning of approximately 5000 feet of collection system.

The Department also worked on some facility repairs and improvements to include: One SBR tank's caulking replacement, a plant water pump replacement and a valve actuator upgrade. The facility also experienced a severe lighting storm in early July which damaged over nine significant electrical components and a set of building power wires. During this event the operators were able to operate the facility without surpassing the limitations of our discharge permit while the repairs were being completed.

TRANSFER STATION: The Transfer Station remains dedicated towards providing our town residents a clean and safe depository of both trash waste and recyclable items. In March, 2013, the station received a newly poured concrete pad in order to receive two new recyclable containers to house the disposal of plastics and cardboard.

Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1559 which continues to vary slightly for those who participate in our disposal/recycling program. The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during the year 2013.

Recyclables	Per Unit(s)	Year 2012	Year 2013
Paper/Cardboard, Plastics	Tons	407.53	418.64
Waste Oil	Gallons	1400	1050
Tires	Single	443	220
Solid Waste	Tons	752.45	724.45
Electronics	Tons	12.45	9.4
Scrap Steel	Tons	46.33	48.00
Textile	Tons	6.5	5.3

In addition, the Department was able to maintain pricing for the fifth year in a row of the Transfer Station Permit Sticker fee set at \$100.00 per year and discounted for senior citizens age 65+ at \$80.00. Bag pricing also remained the same at \$17.00 for large bags /per bundle of 10 and \$12.00 for small bags/per bundle of ten. These bags may be purchased at a variety of stores, town offices and at the Transfer Station, located at 135 Hamilton Street.

The Department of Public Works held a Hazardous Household Waste Day Collections Event on Saturday, September 28, 2013 between the hours of 8am and 12noon. This event was hosted by "Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. from Bristol, Ct. A total of 158 vehicles consisting of

118 half carloads and 40 full carloads attended this event proving to be yet another successful event for our town residents who needed to dispose of their hazardous waste in the proper fashion.

CEMETERY DIVISION: In 2013, the Department conducted a total of 35 burials, consisting of 18 earthen burials and 17 cremations. Other routine activities included lot sales, grounds maintenance, lot layouts, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows and headstone repair.

In August, due to the generosity of resident Mr. Al Roccanti, two black wrought iron gates now adorn the entrance of the South Cemetery located on Route 181/Mill Valley Road. The Department wishes to thank Mr. Roccanti for his thoughtfulness in making this generous donation.

In addition, the Belchertown Cemetery Division continues to archive all deceased within the Town of Belchertown on a continual basis. The Department retains cemetery Deeds (2,462) dating back to 1832 and Burial Certificates (656) dating back to 1813; all of which are housed in fire-proof safety cabinets for future security.

**BUILDINGS GROUNDS AND
MAINTENANCE:** The Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Division was extremely busy during 2013 caring for all town buildings, 200+ acres of grounds/open space to include recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, all of which were time consuming, required knowledge of, and geared towards decreasing energy costs to the town as well as preparing for future harsh weather events as those experienced this past year. Below is a list, to name a few, of the projects this division conducted.

- Demolition of church building behind town hall for additional parking.
- Demolition of building at Foley field for ball fields.
- Assisted with the demolition of the old "Piggery Building" foundation located at George Hannum Road.

- Laid concrete foundation at the Transfer Station in order to provide for a better foundation for the receptacle/recycling bins.
- Overseeing the stripping and painting project for the restoration project of the Old Town Hall.
- Running of many new wires in for new phone system.
- Conducted the seeding and fertilization of all Recreation and School fields.
- Annual repairs to the Town Common, which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to re-establish the turf.
- Assisted with the annual setup and removal of the Belchertown Fair components.
- Repaired Baseball fields at High School and Jabish School.

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL: The Town's Tree Warden, Steve Williams, continues to assess the large volume of trees that incur damages throughout the course of the year. The "Public Shade Tree Removal Permit" in accordance with MGL, Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 regarding the Cutting of Public Shade Trees/Damages, allows National Grid, Hazard Tree Mitigations Program to make damage assessment(s) of the main three-phase lines in Belchertown. This Permit allows for town-owned trees that are hazardous and/or prone to failure, pose a threat to public safety and endanger the reliability of the main distribution lines along these routes, and those that were identified for removal or pruning in an effort to reduce or eliminate their risk of failure. All totaled, 88 trees were identified by National Grid Arborists for removal. In addition, the Department supervised the removal of 64 trees consisting of the following varieties: 13 oak, 12 ash, 4 pine, 1 hickory, 26 maples, 1 birch, 4 locus, 1 cherry, 1 elm, and 1 spruce. All of these trees were diseased, damaged, or deceased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter. In addition, numerous on-site visits were conducted in order to determine various reports of tree damage caused by weather damage, rot, or infestation.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: This year I remain in awe of the Department's list of accomplishments and how we somehow managed to conduct so many tasks under a frugal budget. Our team strives to maintain a high level of service and we take pride in our vehicle fleet and equipment, as showcased in our overdue debut in the 2013 Belchertown Fair Parade.

Dylan Bachand, WWTP Laborer
Christopher Besancon, Maintenance Div. Laborer
Heather Blanchard-WWTP Operator I
Max Bock, Buildings Maint. & Grounds Supervisor
Walter Bosworth, Highway Division Supervisor
Darin Braese, Highway Division Operator I
Ed Burton, Highway Division Foreman
Terry Chevalier, DPW Laborer
David Clegg, Buildings, Maint. & Grounds Foreman
Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I
Dennis Daniels, Highway Division Operator II
Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operation's Supervisor
Edward Forgette, Highway Division Mechanic
John Grossman, Maintenance Division/DPW Laborer
Walter Henry, Transfer Station Laborer
Anthony Hurtado, Transfer Station Laborer
Karl Jensen, Maintenance Custodian
Christopher Johnson, Maintenance Division/DPW Laborer

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to each of our employees (listed below), along with the town's private contractors, for another outstanding year of dedication and hard work to this department and for our town. I look forward to a prosperous 2014 with great enthusiasm that the Department of Public Works will continue to serve the Town of Belchertown in the best capacity we can.

Denis Lessard, Highway Division Operator II
Donna Lusignan, Administrative Assistant
Sean Madden, Maintenance Division/DPW Laborer
David Martel, Highway Division Mechanic
John Panzetti-DPW Highway Division Operator I
Leo Peet, Highway Division Operator
Jeff Plant, Maintenance Division/DPW Laborer
Ronald Ritter, Highway Division Operator I/Laborer
Lenny Russell, Transfer Station Supervisor
Stephen Sikes, Highway Division Mechanic
Samantha Taylor, Maintenance Custodian
David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I

Seasonal/Part-time Employees

Paul Wanczyk, Highway Division Laborer
Ethan Auffrey -Maintenance Division
Adam Luipold - Maintenance Division
Patrick Luipold-Maintenance Division

**QUABOAG VALLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
AND
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CORPORATION**

In 2013, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) and its affiliate agency, the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (BAC) continued its focus on community economic development issues, particularly through assistance to small businesses. The board of directors of the BAC includes a representative appointed by the Selectmen from each of the fifteen participant towns. Belchertown's appointee is Krista Wilson.

The BAC made small business loans using repayment funds from a CDBG grant through the Town of Palmer and a loan from the US Dept. of Agriculture. The BAC also has a line of credit with Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation. A new line of credit has been established with six local banks: Country Bank, FamilyFirst Bank, Monson Savings Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Southbridge Savings Bank and SpencerBANK. In 2013, 6 loans were approved

totaling \$172,500. These loans were in the following towns: Holland, Monson, Palmer Southbridge, and Warren.

The CDC continued to provide direct assistance to small businesses throughout the year, interacting with 93 businesses within the region. Of these, 84 received at least one hour of individual business technical assistance with an average of 7.75 hours each. In some cases this was in the form of business planning assistance. In other cases it was outside consulting with attorneys, accountants, computer specialists, bookkeepers and marketing consultants. Most was underwritten by a grant from the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation. In the Town of Belchertown 4 businesses were assisted. In addition, using funding from the Mass Broadband Institute, technology grants to increase the use of broadband services were made to 16 businesses in the region.

In the Town of Belchertown, 2 businesses were assisted.

Computer and business training to businesses and their employees continued through the CDC in 2013 in Palmer and Ware.

The two organizations continued to be supported by local municipalities, libraries and banks as well as state and federal grants.

Residents are encouraged to contact the CDC with business financing, training or technical assistance needs by calling 413-967-3001 or visiting the website: www.qvcdc.com.

Respectively Submitted,

Sheila Cuddy
Executive Director

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors living in Belchertown. The Committee depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown for contributions. Contributions can be sent to the Belchertown Scholarship Fund c/o The Town of Belchertown or contributors can add a contribution to their tax payments via the designated portion of their tax bill.

The Committee has the following voluntary members; Dr. Judith Houle, Rev. Emmanuel Haqq, Sharon Barnett, Theresa Glanville, Clare Popovich, Heidi Dufresne and Simon James, Chairperson.

We started the year with a balance of \$710.45 and ended it with a balance of \$1,933.16. We received donations and interest of \$2,122.71. We paid out \$900.00 in scholarships.

In the year of 2013, we awarded three scholarships of varying amounts to Belchertown residents: Katelyn Donoghue, Alyssa Fleurent and Eric Gendreau.

Please consider a donation to help the children of Belchertown with their education expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon James, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

SCHOOLS

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools

District Progress on our Strategic Plan

The Belchertown Public Schools have continued work on our district's strategic mission and plan:

The mission of the Belchertown Public Schools is to ensure that every student meets with success every day. To that end, we pledge to ensure that we have rigorous, standards-based curriculum; instruction designed to meet the needs of diverse learners in every classroom; and access to the global learning community via state-of-the-art technology in schools that are communities of respect and civility for all.

2011-2015 Strategic Plan Goals (adopted by the Belchertown School Committee, 3/1/11):

- Goal #1: To have guaranteed (standards-based and implemented by all), viable (doable and accessible to every student), seamless K-12 curriculum in every content area.
- Goal #2: To have rigorous (standards-based), relevant (grounded in 21st Century skills), differentiated instructional practices with the ability to access the global learning community via technology available to every learner.
- Goal #3: To implement a plan to ensure that our students understand the importance of acceptance, tolerance, and respect supported by all adults in the community.

Mr. Brian Cameron, former principal of Chestnut Hill Community School, was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning in February 2013. He has proved to be an invaluable asset to our district level staff, coordinating the work of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. As we move to meet goals #1 and #2, he worked together with teachers to complete the curriculum writing process in all areas except science. The state just recently released an update to its science curriculum framework, which aligns with a new set of national standards in this area. The work will begin soon to align our curriculum to this framework. Teachers are also working together to write units of instruction as they begin to implement the new curricula.

In March, we held our first Edcamp. Edcamp is a model of professional development that has teachers build the day from the ground up. Teachers designed and delivered over 40 sessions throughout the day focused on curriculum implementation and the integration of technology into the classroom. Edcamp B-town was a huge success and we plan to repeat this professional development model on our full release day in March 2014.

In the area of technology, we have been working to ensure that all our classrooms are outfitted with technology for use in instruction. Massachusetts will be piloting a new assessment system, known as PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers), in the spring of 2014, which will require us to use technology to administer these tests. These tests will eventually replace the current MCAS system. This pilot will further inform us regarding the ability of our technology systems to handle this type of testing environment. We believe that we will still need to increase our capacity in order to handle the requirements of the system, but we will have a better understanding of these needs following the pilot.

The School Committee added an action plan to the second goal of their strategic plan, which is the implementation of a system of District-Determined Measures of student learning as a way to help us improve student outcomes and as a way to determine teachers' impact on student growth as a part of the newly state-mandated Educator Evaluation System.

Our district implemented the third year of our PeaceBuilders program in all our schools as part of our bullying prevention and intervention plan this fall with a Pinwheels for Peace project that we displayed during International Peace Day, which coincided with the Belchertown Fair in September. Every student participated in the project and they were displayed on State Street, in front of the tennis courts. It was an impressive sight! PeaceBuilders embraces six principles: (1) praise people, (2) give up put downs, (3) seek wise people, (4) notice hurts, (5) right wrongs, and (6) help others. These principles are continuing to take hold as we make sure that civility and mutual respect are a way of life in our schools. All of our schools are working to find new ways to engage students in this program. The Healthy and Safer Schools Committee is overseeing a revision to the district's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy and Plan, which will include action steps to collect data on the efficacy of the plan and the PeaceBuilders program and to make any adjustments needed to meet goal #3 of our plan.

All of this work is done in the context of an ever-increasingly difficult economic climate. We use grants to help us do much of the core work of the district, which is strengthening our curriculum and instruction, and are grateful to the town for the local support you provide to help us continue to strengthen our services to students as a district. Much of our work has been funded by a federal Race to the Top grant. This grant will end in August 2014, which will increase the need to fund the work locally in the future.

In Appreciation

On August 20, 2013, I submitted a letter to the School Committee informing them of my intent to not seek an extension or renewal of my contract past its current expiration date of June 30, 2014. The work in the areas of curriculum and technology, along with charting a course for the district to improve student learning is off to a great start and other career opportunities have presented themselves to me in recent months that I will be pursuing once my contract expires. We have a solid foundation on which your next superintendent can build. I am especially indebted to the members of the district's Leadership Team and to all of our faculty and staff who have worked long and hard to make the district's mission and plan a reality.

Educating children is the most rewarding and most important work that any town can do. The Belchertown Public Schools cannot do this work alone. We are blessed with members of the community who step forward

every day to help us. We are thankful for our PTO organizations, parent and community members of our school councils, athletic and music booster groups, countless numbers of volunteers who help out in our classrooms every day, as well as our community partners who have met with us during the past year to help us support our students. I would like to thank the School Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and all the members of our community who are supportive of the work we do to ensure the success of our students every day. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the community I call home in this capacity and I wish the district the best of success in the days ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Judith C. Houle
Superintendent of Schools

Student Support Services

It has been a busy year for Student Support Services with many positive improvements made within all aspects of the department and district including, but not limited to, Special Education services, Section 504, Homebound/Hospital services, Homeless services, English Language Learner Education, Preschool, Kindergarten Screening, Child Find, and the Belchertown Parent Advisory Council.

The year started off with our English Language Learner (ELL) students participating in the newly introduced "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS)" testing. This assessment was given to students identified as ELLs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students worked diligently on this assessment and the data obtained has helped the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated.

The year also began with preparations for the upcoming Mid-Cycle Review which was scheduled to be conducted in May, 2013. Preparations included reviewing all 33 Special Education indicators the district was cited on in the 2010 Coordinated Program Review and working to ensure improvements had been made in each of the 33 areas with full compliance in each area being the goal. During this time, student files were meticulously reviewed by the Student Support Services Central Office staff to ensure all mandatory paperwork was organized and easily accessible within the files. This was a very large undertaking, yet staff responded with great cooperation and hard work, often volunteering extra time to ensure that files contained all necessary documentation.

Two representatives from the Program Quality Assurance (PQA) branch of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education made their visit on May 6th and 7th. During this time, they reviewed 25 files of students ranging from preschool through 21 year old with varying disabilities and programming (including some out-of-district students). The results of the Mid-Cycle review were that of the 33 Special Education indicators previously cited as out of compliance, 26 indicators were now "fully implemented" and 7 indicators were "partially implemented". Immediately upon receipt of the Mid-Cycle Review report from PQA, training for Special Education Team Leaders, Teachers, and Related Services Providers began.

Progress reports were handed in to PQA prior to the November 1, 2013 due date and the response back from the state based on the training and improvements made was very positive. After speaking with Mark Oldenburg from PQA, he verbally said the progress reports were, "very thorough in remedying compliance". The written report reiterates all the positive changes that have been made to resolve the areas of noncompliance and lists the approval as "partial" as there is a second due date of February 28, 2014 for follow-up progress reports to ensure full resolution and continued implementation of the changes made.

From the recommendations of the Mid-Cycle Review report and subsequent training conducted at the beginning of the year, I am proud to report that the district continues to make great strides in improving compliance of state mandated timelines. Organizational tools are currently being utilized to track evaluation timelines for all special education referrals and reevaluations that are currently conducted in the district. Special Education Team meetings (initial, reviews, and reevaluations) now contain a structured conversation regarding

Chapter 71 of the MA General Law regarding student vulnerability to bullying, harassment, or teasing. Each Team member now contributes to this important conversation and signs a form following the conversation to verify their participation and subsequent decision.

Other positive updates for this current 2013-2014 school year include the addition of a 5th day of school at the preschool level to provide an added day of structure and academics for our youngest students, offering preschool screening days for students ages 3-5, and moving the Kindergarten Screening to the beginning of the school year so teachers have an up-to-date picture of their students' abilities and areas of need. With collaboration from the Senior Leadership Team, the district's home/hospital and homeless procedures have also been updated to ensure that students receive the appropriate services they require based on their own individual situations.

Additionally, this school year brought about change in the Transitions program for students ages 18-21 with the incorporation of a Transition Specialist to the program. Students in the program now participate in various on-campus and off-campus internships which have been developed with their preferences and interests in mind. With the addition of the Transition Specialist, the program curriculum has also developed and improved. Students within the program complete various skill and interest inventories which assist them in developing portfolios, explore opportunities for employment and enjoyment outside of their school day, improve various life skills that will be necessary for increasing independence, and practice their job interview/job search skills.

I'm also proud to share that there has been an increase in the use of technology within the substantially separate programs for students within our Language Learning, SAILS, and Pathways classes. We are currently in the initial stages of

introducing one or more iPads to many of these programs throughout the district and this has been received by both staff and students with very positive feedback and outcomes. Students are learning to utilize various modes of technology to provide accommodations and assist them in becoming more independent in accessing the curriculum. Assistive Technology Specialists are becoming more prevalent within the district and with the support of special education teachers, paraprofessionals, and related services providers, are assisting in the implementation of the various devices.

Lastly, Student Support Services has been working very hard with the help of a number of parents to reinstate and continue to build the Belchertown Parent Advisory Council (B-PAC). The district has moved from having only one B-PAC meeting last school year to monthly meetings which began in September 2013 and have continued each month. So far the B-PAC meetings have included conversations regarding developing and further improving the B-PAC, a "Meet and Greet" with the Director of Student Support Services, and a "Parent's Rights" training presented by the Federation for Children With Special Needs. The district has made great strides in increasing transparency of operations within Special Education and continues to work towards building a stronger, even more cohesive relationship between the district and parents.

Over all, it has been an extremely positive and productive year. The district is moving in a great direction with regards to all aspects of Student Support Services and, most importantly, providing an appropriate public education for all students regardless of their disabilities and/or differences.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi A. Guzzo, Director
Student Support Services

Cold Spring School (CSS) Principal's Report

Cold Spring School had a very productive 2013 school year. Many goals and objectives listed in their school improvement plan were accomplished and achieved with much success. This was duly noted in a progress report by school council members at their end of the school year meeting as they are responsible for drafting and overseeing this important document. The members on the Cold Spring

School Council who served in this capacity include: Thomas Laughner, Co-Chair, Parent Representative; Sandra Bremer, Co-Chair, Administration; Louise Butler, Teacher Representative; Elizabeth Moynihan, Teacher Representative; Andrea Gancarz, Parent Representative; and Dawn French, Community Representative.

The teachers and staff at the early childhood center worked diligently on developing the "whole child" with renewed emphasis on the students' personal, social, emotional and physical growth in addition to their intellectual and cognitive achievements and progress. Recent research indicates that students learn best when all of the above mentioned domains are being met, addressed and fostered. To accomplish this goal, the educators participated in professional development workshops instructing them on the process of creating student growth portfolios using the Work Sampling System (WSS). This type of assessment features the data collection process utilizing observations and samples of students' work to denote growth and achievement. We are very pleased with this new evaluation instrument and look forward to using it next year with an on-line data entry component in collaboration with the state's Massachusetts Kindergarten Early Assessment (MKEA) initiative.

Another highlight of the school year was the successful extension of our social competencies curriculum and the PeaceBuilder's program. The children were able to extend their knowledge of being peace builders by participating in art, literature and musically based activities and projects at both school and home that highlighted the importance of helping others, righting wrongs, seeking wise people and giving back to one's community. The program was officially kicked off and put into motion on International Peace Day, September 21st, as the whole district participated in an awesome endeavor entitled, "Pinwheels for Peace".

One hundred and seventy-four kindergarteners were promoted to the Swift River Elementary School in June of 2013. Jenna Evans, the

guidance counselor for both kindergarten and grade one, facilitated a successful step-up program to ease the transition from Cold Spring School to Swift River Elementary. The children were able to visit their future classrooms, school library, cafeteria and playground. This process helped to assimilate the students and prepared them for first grade.

The 2013-2014 school year began with one hundred and sixty-three new kindergarteners and twenty-five preschoolers. We hired an additional half time preschool teacher, Tammy Thomas, to accommodate the larger enrollment that we are experiencing. Another new teacher, Mary (Arinello) Wojtowicz, was also hired to fill the vacant kindergarten position created by the retirement of Louise Butler who will be dearly missed by her peers, colleagues and the many students she taught and inspired along the way.

One of the new teachers that was just hired last year, Brendan McCarthy, was nominated by his peers for the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award. We are pleased to report that he indeed did win this prestigious award which is a great tribute and reflection on the outstanding instructional staff educating our youngest students on a daily basis. Of course, this can only be accomplished through team work including our generous Parent Teacher Organization, comprehensive volunteer program and dedicated support staff who work tirelessly to provide our students the very best educational opportunities and exciting learning experiences possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Sandra Bremer, Principal
Cold Spring School

Swift River Elementary School (SRE) Principal's Report

The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2013 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement and improving assessment and instruction through scientifically based researched programs. The total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two and three is 525 students.

We had to say a heart felt goodbye to Ann Opalenik who retired after a total of 34 years of service to the Belchertown School System. She has served the school community with her passion towards education as well as her active involvement within the Belchertown community. We wish Mrs. Opalenik many years of happiness in here retirement. Following the retirements we added a new teacher to the third grade team, Mrs. Jessica Kingsbury-Jindela, and a new Physical Education teacher Karl Quist.

We continue to make great improvement in the area of technology; we are providing professional development opportunities to advance our understanding and usage to meet our initiatives. An instructional technologist has been added to provide in house training, trouble shooting and speeding up responses to questions and offering 1:1 help. Over the past school year we have received equipment in the form of interactive teaching technologies such as mimeo's, mimeo vote, laptop computers, document camera's, writing tablets and other software related programs. We have forwarded our use of technology to online software for students that have 24/7 access to information in math, social studies, biographies, science, and English Language Arts. All staff has been provided with the technology basics with a white board, interactive projector and a laptop with the addition of wireless internet throughout the building. There is on-going training provided by the district to enhance the usage of this equipment within their classrooms to give students the opportunity to access the best and most current information on subject matter. In addition, we have a computer lab within the Library which is accessible to all students in grades 1, 2 and 3. We have minicomputer lab stations within classrooms to enhance the availability and access to online resources to incorporate student learning software programs. PowerSchool continues to drive our student management system for the district to keep accurate and up to date information. We will continue to explore other modules to better service our school community.

We are continuing our efforts this year with the PeaceBuilders program in order to support students in solving problems peacefully and in building community. We have developed a full year plan providing themes and activities both for the classroom and to encourage family participation at home. At Swift River we say the PeaceBuilders pledge daily in which student pledge to praise people, give up putdowns, seek people, to notice hurts, to right wrongs, and to help others both in school and in their community. Annually in the fall, the entire student population at SRE participates in a peace rally which involves singing, reciting poems, cooperative pledges, all of which are focused on understanding how important it is to build a peaceful community.

Programs that continue to be a vital part of our school environment are the savings bank program for all grade levels. This program instills a sense of responsibility within our students and helps connect academics to real world experiences. In the Spring of 2013 we offered a parent workshop on new concepts and approaches to current math systems and offered practice in a fun and interactive way. In addition, we conducted a series of workshops, offered by the guidance department designed to provide resources to parents on a variety of topics. These workshops are supported by our PTO's partnership by offering craft nights and movie nights for students while their parent(s) participate in the workshop. We have updated our Family Resource Center located at the front entrance to the building to offer current information with helpful brochures and contact information that is easily accessible to parents.

We continue to implement the Tiered Instruction Model for academics. This model provides levels of support to meet the needs of all students. To strengthen Tier I, we have been involved with the district-wide curriculum initiative and are on our way in developing cohesive and standards based units of study in all areas. In order to promote student achievement, and provide Tier II instruction, we have implemented a dedicated 30 minute blocks of time each day to provide skill based, data driven instruction and enrichment opportunities. Our professional development for teachers has been centered on Tiered Instruction, differentiated instruction and Tier II interventions and enrichment and the development of Unit templates in each grade level.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2013 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Susan Stebbins, teacher representative; Jennifer Torna, parent representative; Anna Marques, parent representative and Donald Moran as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Robert Kuhn, Principal
Swift River Elementary School

Intermediate School (CHCS) Principal's Report

Chestnut Hill Community School continued with its belief that all students can learn. Each is an individual deserving recognition for his or her special talents. By teaching the necessary knowledge and skills, through the use of differentiated instruction and individualized learning strategies, and with the support of family, the dedicated staff strives to educate every child to be academically successful, a socially responsible citizen, and a life-long learner.

In the spring of 2013, all third grade students from Swift River Elementary School took part in a "Move up Day". The students met with administration, the school counselor, toured the building, and took part in a question and answer session with fourth grade students to help their transition from third to fourth grade.

In May 2013, Chestnut Hill Community School had a Festival of the Arts Night where a PeaceBuilders poster contest was held in conjunction with the fifth grade beginner band and chorus.

At Chestnut Hill Community we say the PeaceBuilders pledge daily in which students pledge to praise people, give up putdowns, seek wise people, to notice and speak up about hurts I have caused, to right wrongs, and to help others at home, in school and in their community each day. We do monthly classroom lessons and also school wide events pertaining to the PeaceBuilders philosophy.

Much of our faculty's time and energy continued to be focused on improving teaching and learning. Members of the faculty have taken part in a number of initiatives that have already been implemented including the following:

1. An ambitious curriculum process that has teachers at all grade levels collaborating on writing K-12, seamless standards based curriculum in all content areas.
2. District-wide professional development focus designed to equip our faculty with the best instructional tools (i.e. technology, UbD Units), necessary to meet the ever increasing diversity of learners in our classrooms.
3. Taking part in school wide "PeaceBuilders" activities to ensure that students understand the importance of acceptance, tolerance, and respect supported by all adults in the community.

Chestnut Hill Community School has continued to use MCAS data and DIBELS assessment results to pose questions to faculty regarding how we are doing and what we can do to continue to improve student achievement.

Chestnut Hill Community School continues to be actively involved with its very successful student savings bank program at all grade levels. The banking program was designed to help students learn the value of saving money.

Other factors that contributed significantly to an outstanding 2013 year were the general efforts and contributions gained from our Parent/Citizen Volunteer Program and Grandparent Program that encompassed all grade levels. Many dedicated and hardworking faculty and students took part in productions/field trips such as the Holiday Concert, The Veterans' Day Concert, DARE Graduation, Nature's Classroom, Arbor Day celebrations and the Multi-band Concert.

All accomplishments of Chestnut Hill Community School were successful as the result of a collaborative approach from both the individual and collective efforts of parents, guardians, faculty, staff, students, citizens, and administration. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who helped to make 2013 an exceptional year! We would like to thank Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, for his eight years of dedication to Chestnut Hill Community School. Personally, I would like to thank the selection committee and Dr. Houle for this opportunity to serve at Chestnut Hill Community School.

Respectfully yours,

Paula Fitzgerald, Principal
Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS) Principal's Report

Jabish Brook Middle School met 2013 supporting an established vision and goal – to meet the needs of every student in our school. It has been the focus of the middle school to review student academic achievement through a responsive classroom model for the past two years. Student progress is monitored regularly, and both academic, as well as social/emotional needs that are identified receive support and attention in and out of the classroom. We continue the process of implementing and reviewing assessment practices to better identify and support student needs.

2013 is most notable for the implementation of the new state-wide Educator Evaluation System for our teaching faculty. Self-Assessments, annual goals, submission of documentation and more frequent classroom observations are all a part of the new evaluation system. This past year, much time was spent on the training and development of the practices necessary for this system, including the use of technology to foster the process. I am proud to report on the successful transition to this new evaluation system at the middle school level.

MCAS testing results at the middle school level continue to show that JBMS students compare favorably with students throughout the state. It remains a challenge at the middle school level, however, to have all students successfully meet proficiency ratings in all areas. To meet the goal of responding to the needs for every child, the faculty at Jabish Brook Middle School continue to implement the team teaching model to review individual student progress, including formal and informal assessments on student achievement, and the provision of educational support services for students found to have academic needs.

The middle school has also been able to combine our strong academic expectations with community events, to foster the social and emotional growth of our students to meet our educational goals. Events such as the Belchertown Fair, middle school dances, food and toy drives, our winter semi-formal dance, field trips, dress up spirit weeks, etc. are all designed to help enrich the educational experience. Through the cooperative efforts of students, parents, an active Parent-Teacher Organization, fundraisers continue to be conducted to sponsor student participation in these events.

The JBMS After-School Program has continued to provide enrichment activities and academic support to our middle school students through 2013, thanks to the financial support of Country Bank. The after school program continued to provide academic activities such as MCAS preparation, 8th hour extended day, homework help, and organizational skills classes; as well as enrichment activities, including our theatrical musical production, running club, ski club, arts and crafts, movies and recreational games. Attendance rates have shown the variety of after school programs offered at JBMS provide popular and productive activities for our students when they would otherwise be home alone. Our enrollment in these activities continues to serve over 50% of our student population participating in at least one activity during the school year.

The financial support provided by Country Bank to sponsor the JBMS After-School program has ended, and I would like to once again publicly thank this community bank for their financial support over the past ten years. The future of the program is now contingent upon future funding resources being provided. It is my sincere hope that this program will continue in the future.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO, Student Council and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of middle school students. The success of our team teaching model, coupled with the support of our faculty, our students, our parents and the community provided for another successful year through 2013 at Jabish Brook Middle School.

It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Thomas Ruscio, Principal
Jabish Brook Middle School

High School (BHS) Principal's Report

2013 was a very successful and productive year for the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School. Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. Belchertown High School students and faculty continue to bring great pride to the community. Belchertown High School is an educational community that fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment. The teaching and learning that takes place at Belchertown High School is impressive!

During the winter months, the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium hosted several events to the delight of the BHS community.

Our Best Buddies group, led by Ms. Ruth Kampe and Ms. Kyla Madden '14, sponsored a very entertaining variety show. The Best Buddies organization is dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Founded in 1989 by Anthony Kennedy Shriver, Best Buddies is a vibrant, international organization that has grown from one original chapter to almost 1,500 middle school, high school, and college chapters worldwide.

In February, Ms. Teixeira, Ms. St. Pierre, and the National Art Honor Society organized Project Runway. Students utilized recycled prom dresses for their designs. Kerrie Long, Kendra Desroches, and Madeleine Hamparian earned respective first, second, and third place awards.

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Devyn Hebert as an award recipient for 2013. A delicious dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Devyn and her family and other western Massachusetts recipients. Devyn is an outstanding young woman who certainly made a difference during her time at Belchertown High School. Devyn's contributions to our academic program, our arts program, and our athletic program were significant. Devyn Hebert continues to represent Belchertown in a positive manner as a member of the Class of 2017 at Williams College.

In May, Ms. Christine Holesovsky was awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teacher Award.

This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Ms. Holesovsky was certainly most deserving of this award given her outstanding work as a Foreign Language teacher, a department chairperson, and an advisor.

On Sunday, June 2nd, the Class of 2013 graduated 191 students from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Mr. Brennan Murray, our Library-Media Specialist delivered the commencement address. Other speeches were given by Ms. Devyn Hebert, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Kimberly Drawec, salutatorian of the class, and Mr. Caleb Bernard, president of the class. Over \$70,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

On Wednesday, August 28th, 776 students and 120 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. The Belchertown High School Community welcomed new staff: Mr. Douglas Daponte – Dean of Students/Director of Athletics, Ms. Manuela LeBlanc – Math Department, Ms. Roberta Lusignan – Foreign Language Department, Ms. Rachel Goldenberg – Science Department, and Mr. Ron Oparowski – Special Education Department.

August 28th also marked the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivering one of the most important speeches of the 20th century at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." And yet, perhaps one of the speech's greatest sentiments is all too infrequently cited and it was a passage that students were asked to consider on the first day of the 2013-2014 school year. In it, King is responding to those who

had said the Civil Rights movement was pushing ahead too fast or asking for too much. To them, King said: "We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy." BHS students were encouraged to: Work hard...now. Show kindness...now. Be involved in this community...now. Make your unique and potentially outstanding contributions to BHS...now. Be the best version of yourself...now. They were told that no one knows for certain what the future may hold, but they all have the opportunity to grasp the "fierce urgency of now" and make their school, their community, and their world the better for it.

In October, 67 members of the Class of 2014 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients by Dr. Houle. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to our scholars on this outstanding achievement - Carrie Aberdale, John Aniolowski, Candyce Avery, Kush Basu, Lewis Berger, Brittany Bird, Jake Burke, Emily Burns, David Byron, Marc Chmura, Lauren Chrabascz, Jonathan Cody, Allison Daly, Andrew Davidsohn, Christina Delude, Alexander Desantis, Brandon Dester, Erica DiCristoforo, Erinne Dull, Haley Euvrard, Benjamin Follett, Aaron Funk, Brooke Gohra, Nathan Gousy, Cassandra Hancock, Aisling Hannah, Joel Haver, Selena Huber, James Izatt, Sarah LaClair, Haley Lassiter, Erik Lavigne, Nicholas Leduc, Drew Lindholm, Hannah Lussier, Kyla Madden, Alyssa Maggi, Patrick McCarthy, Michael McKenzie, Cameron Messier, Claire Nauman, Richard Noble, Gabriel Norwood, Aidan O'Brien, Liam O'Brien, Jennifer Ollari Barry, Bryanna Pacheco, Urvi Patel, Briana Rubero, William Schmidt, Samuel Scudere-Weiss, Kiana Shakeraneh, Ethan Smith, Victoria Stevenson, John Stinson, Samuel Stroman, Connor Sullivan, Kendall Supple, Anna Teixeira, Miranda Twining, Bryanna Veroneau, Jordan Vigneault, Sarah Walther, Meredith Weagle, Chulabhaya Wijesundara, Jacob Willemain.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Friday, November 9th. Belchertown High School Dean of

Students/Director of Athletics, Mr. Douglas Daponde, posted the colors. Mr. Larry DiCara was the guest speaker. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz, Student Council, and Alyssa Maggi for organizing the Veterans' Day Assembly. Thanks also to Ms. Boysen, Ms. Comstock, Dr. Houle, the Symphony Band, the Choir, Joseph Brozek and Joseph Auclair for their musical contributions.

On Saturday, November 16th, the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team, under the leadership of Mr. Tony Almeida, won the Division III State Soccer Championship. This brought great pride to Belchertown High School and the community. Mr. Almeida was also named Western Massachusetts Coach of the Year. Members of the championship team include: Lewis Berger, Connor Curtin, Allen Garipey, Cameron Messier, William Aldrich Jr., James Izatt, Oliver Hopkins, Zachary Kuhn, Marc Chmura, Noah Lussier, Alexander DeSantis, Ryan Kearney, Nicholas Drost, Jonathon Kearney, Christopher Noga, Ryan Stinson, Samuel Stroman, Jonathan Ingram, Ethan Smith, John Stinson, Kyle Gadoury, Hayden Bennis, Alec Morgado, Jack Kamins, Lucian Pelissier, Spencer Caron, Connor Davis, Mr. Zach Siano, assistant coach, Mr. Scott Cameron, volunteer coach, Mr. Doug Cameron, volunteer coach, Mr. Joe Berger, volunteer coach, and Ms. Amelia Hall, athletic trainer.

In closing, all of our students have contributed so much to the success we experienced at 142 Springfield Road in 2013 through their achievements in their academics, their talent in athletics and music, and their participation in co-curricular activities. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding students in our community. With these wonderful students and our caring educators and support personnel, we are creating new traditions, carrying on the old traditions, and looking forward to continuing to capture many wonderful memories at Belchertown High School. We are very grateful to our Superintendent, Dr. Judith Houle, our School Committee, and the greater community for all they do for us. All of us at Belchertown High School will continue to provide a quality education for all of our students in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Christine Vigneux, Principal
Belchertown High School

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. Currently the Committee consists of 11 members: two members each from Belchertown and Palmer and one each from the remaining towns. In June, the New Braintree Board of Selectmen appointed Stacie Pride to serve until the next state election as a result of the town's not having a candidate in 2012. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. Lorraine Alves will serve as secretary.

CURRICULUM

Pathfinder students have continued to demonstrate improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The percentage of Pathfinder students scoring in the Advanced and Proficient categories in all 3 areas—English, Mathematics, and Science-- has shown steady progress over the past four years. The percentage of students scoring in the Advanced and Proficient range in English has risen from 81% in 2012 to 83% in 2013. 69% of students scored Proficient or higher in Mathematics, and Science scores increased from 62% to 71% in 2013. Although progress was made in all of these areas, scores in certain subgroups—particularly students with special needs—did not meet expectations of the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Consequently the Department has classified Pathfinder as a “Level 3” school. Anticipating this designation, the administration has enlisted the assistance of Department personnel to recommend strategies for improvement and to provide the relevant training. These initiatives will continue throughout the 2013-14 school year and beyond.

Pathfinder continued to make progress in its effort to increase the rigor of the academic offerings for students and to make advancements in the vocational offerings as well. The school has fully implemented the Common Core State Standards in all academic areas beginning with the class of 2017. This alignment included adding World History for all incoming 9th graders and rescheduling the school day to include 6 periods. The program of studies now includes new offerings in physical education to include wellness education and personal fitness. Finally, Hospitality Management has been added to our technical program of studies as a 15th program and was approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in late August 2013.

MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Collision Repair Technology:

Three Rivers Water and Sewer Dept.: Students completed two utility body doors with blue metallic/clear coat to match their existing paint scheme on one of their department trucks.

Belchertown Fire Dept.: Students repaired and refinished a 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer. This included changing the color from white to red with a black roof to match the rest of their fleet.

Palmer Police Dept.: Students repaired and refinished a Military Humvee to traditional black and white police colors. This involved refinishing the metal body and the fabric doors. A second Humvee vehicle is currently in progress and will be similarly painted.

Machine Technology:

Students machined several cribbage boards as donations to fundraisers for non-profit organizations. Recipients included:

Palmer Public Library
Top Floor Learning, Palmer
Machine Technology Poker Run, Pathfinder
Pathfinder Car Show (Skills USA)
Monson Free Library - Holiday Raffle

Cosmetology:

Cosmetology students continued their annual visits to area Senior Centers during which they provide “Spa Days” for seniors. The services they offer include manicures, pedicures, facials, and hair styles. Currently the cosmetology students provide these services in Palmer, Ware, Monson and Belchertown.

Carpentry:

Students completed the construction of a new Sally Port at the Granby Police Station.

Students began work on a reception/entrance area for the new Granby Library.

Automotive Reconditioning:

Auto Reconditioning students continued to provide services for police, highway, fire and water districts.

Electrical:

Electrical students completed the lighting, power and security wiring for a new Sally Port at the Granby Police Station

Electrical students completed numerous jobs at Pathfinder including new gym lighting, emergency panel for IT services, installation of several machines in the Machine Shop, Cosmetology electrical upgrades, Auto body Shop upgrades, Culinary Shop upgrades and many other projects.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Thirty-three students participated in the school's Cooperative Education Program which provides opportunities for paid, career-related jobs *in lieu of* attending their vocational classes. In this real work environment, the students enhanced their technical skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance with their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. Co-op continues to be an excellent pathway to full-time employment.

Student placement has seen an improvement as the economy slowly recovers. The school is committed to providing students with this invaluable opportunity and intends to work closely with area businesses to expand the program.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's enrollment as of October 1, 2013 totaled 612 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 96; Granby 21; Hardwick 24; Monson 83; New Braintree 12; Oakham 10; Palmer 167; Ware 100; and Warren 42. The remaining students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from Ludlow (29). The 612 figure on October 1st represents a decrease of 47 students overall from the number reported on October 1, 2012. Concern over this decline has led to renewed efforts to design strategies for increasing enrollment and retention.

In order to better meet students' needs and to more effectively accommodate parents, the Special Education and Guidance Department have been combined under a Pupil Personnel Director.

The Pupil Services Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—once again received far more applications for the 180 ninth grade openings than the school could accommodate. Transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were also very limited. Consequently, the school experienced another year of waiting lists for each grade.

Parents of students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. In early October guidance counselors were invited to attend a breakfast meeting designed specifically to update them about the admissions policies and procedures. In October and November, Pathfinder's guidance counselors visited the 8th graders in member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. In late November, an evening Open House event was held for 5th-8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest.

In addition to the fall events, each winter 8th graders who are interested are invited to participate in a field trip with their school counselor to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. This year a larger number of students participated in these tours than the previous year. Many attendees acknowledged that they had participated in the summer Youth Enrichment Program, an attractive

opportunity for large numbers of enthusiastic prospective students. For students and parents with Internet access, a copy of the application can be downloaded and printed.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

At the twenty-seventh Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Matthew Stafford, of Hardwick, represented Pathfinder. Matthew, a student in the Machine Technology Program, was ranked at the top of the graduating class with a cumulative GPA of 4.42. He received a myriad of academic and technical awards for excellence and outstanding achievement throughout his high school career. He was a two-year member of the National Technical Honor Society and particularly excelled in mathematics and science, earning a 95 in Calculus and a 96 in Chemistry for the first grading term of his senior year. As a junior, he became employed by Lee Tool Company in Ludlow through Pathfinder's Co-Operative Work Program. Outside of the classroom, Matthew was a devoted athlete; he played left field for Pathfinder's varsity baseball team and in the fall of 2012 he was the quarterback that led the varsity football team to their first-ever undefeated season and Super Bowl Championship. Matthew has been accepted to Montana Tech in Butte, Montana and is majoring in petroleum engineering.

In June 2013, the graduating class of 153 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Graduates received 66 awards totaling \$16,988 during the ceremony. An additional \$58,400 in scholarships from schools and colleges was announced during the program. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

PUPIL SERVICES

Nicole Heroux serves as the Director of Pupil Services. Pupil Services is comprised of both the Special Education and Guidance Departments. The school committee approved this position on a trial bases and agreed to continue to support the change.

Mrs. Heroux and her staff are currently in the process of evaluating all current programs and services in preparation for a Coordinated Review that will occur during the 2014-2015 school year. In this visit, state officials will review both Special Education and Civil Rights. The goal of Pupil Services is to demonstrate its responsibility to provide a continuum of services for all students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department continues to be committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated. Our guidance staff is working on revising our College and Career readiness for our students best interests when it comes to their emotional and educational well-being.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of *all* learners in grades 9-12. Through continued integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency. All students admitted to Pathfinder are expected to fulfill the same requirements to receive a high school diploma as in local town high schools, and all students must have access to all academic and vocational programs. The staff at Pathfinder continues to work to develop an appropriate education for the students who were previously in the MVIP program to insure their success at the school.

Team chairpersons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for over one hundred eighty (180) special needs students. The Pupil Services Department continued to be responsible for approximately fifty (50) students who have 504 Accommodation Plans. Section 504 is a federal civil rights law which requires the provision of reasonable accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

The Department includes fifteen (15) academic or vocational professionally licensed instructors, 3 guidance counselors, eight (8) paraprofessionals, and three full-time secretaries. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, a School Adjustment Counselor, an Occupational Therapist, and a full-time School Psychologist.

Work continued on the collaboration between special and general educators.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students returned to school on January third after their holiday break. A winter semi-formal was scheduled for January 11th and students anxiously looked forward to the get together. Seniors were excited about measuring to order their caps and gowns.

Working together with the Red Cross the school conducted a successful blood drive on January 28th,-- our second of three. Students are always ready to give blood in order to add to the Red Cross blood bank.

Many fundraisers occurred during the winter months. The Gay/Straight Alliance had a bracelet fundraiser sale, a Valentine's Dance was held in February, and a 50/50 raffle was held in order to raise funds for a first ever senior English trip to New York City to see *The Phantom of the Opera*. The Drama club staged a production of *Bonnie and Clyde*, live, in our cafetorium. Class advisors continued to be busy planning for the junior prom and the senior banquet. A fundraiser was conducted to benefit those with Rett Syndrome, where one could buy a paper flower for \$1.00. Called the *Garden of Hope*, paper flowers filled the walls in the math wing, in particular, and brought a breath of spring to the beginning of March.



Senior NYC Field Trip

Plans for the New York trip started as early as November last year for a trip that Pathfinder had never sponsored in the past. Students worked together to plan the trip themselves by finding out school rules pertaining to field trips, obtaining estimates for things like buses and theater tickets, and also making a plan for this enormous undertaking of a day trip. Students successfully raised the \$4,000 cost for the trip themselves by having dances as well as doing a 50/50 raffle and participating in a staff support for a senior initiative. The trip took place on April 24th and, along with the Broadway show, included sightseeing, shopping, and lunch in this great city.

The Pathfinder State Champion Robotics Team moved on to a very successful week at the FIRST World Championship in St. Louis. The trip began with the pilot of the plane announcing on the intercom that the Massachusetts FIRST State Robotics Champions from Pathfinder were on the plane. The entire plane gave a nice round of applause and acknowledged all of our students.

In teams from around the world, the Pathfinder students ultimately won six of their eight matches and were ranked 11th in their division. At times they were paired with teams around the globe, including Russia and China. Given the number of teams that began, **they were ranked in the top 0.7% worldwide!**

Seniors had their Senior Banquet at Ludlow Country Club on May 24th. One hundred forty- two guests attended and danced to the music of DJ Tony Valley. Seniors then celebrated their upcoming graduation with a senior picnic on senior class day. The picnic included a cookout, a mechanical bull and even a bounce house. Seniors had fun at one of their last school get-togethers. A class of one hundred fifty -seven seniors graduated

on a very hot June 2, 2013. This year two students—Breann Grenier and Raiche Yaeger—were awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each by Bob's Furniture as a result of the three successful Red Cross blood drives.

Students began school on August 29, 2013. Classes were set and new freshmen entered the school, eager to explore the vocational areas. New class advisors were chosen and the fundraising for class expenses had begun. Just before the holiday break, seniors held the second annual "kiss the fish" fundraiser where a teacher was chosen to kiss the fish

ATHLETICS

Interest and participation in athletics by Pathfinder students remained consistent with approximately 175 students taking part. Co-op programs in wrestling and swimming with Ware and Palmer High Schools continued. Freshman participation this past fall showed a slight increase in our girls' programs while remaining level among boys.

In 2013, the girls' varsity basketball team qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament. The varsity girls' softball team won the Tri-County League title and qualified for both the State Vocational and Western Mass. Tournaments. The varsity baseball team was State Vocational co-champions and qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.

In softball, Jenna Maska, Stephanie Hastie, and Marissa Riley were selected to the *Republican* first team all-scholastic team. In football, Mike Krzynowek and Ryan Hazzard were named as *Republican* first team all-scholastic players.

Brad Lord and Sarah Sikorski were the outstanding male and female athletes for 2102 – 2013.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS

Program Name	Amount	Application
Title 1	\$116,143	Retain HQ ELA and Math Title 1 Instructor.
Title 1 Carry-Over	\$22,638	Bought Art Supplies for innovative Art Based ELA program, 4 Smart Boards,
Title 2	\$24,709	Collins Writing Trainings; Partial SPED teacher salary.
SPED	\$231,139	Hire 4 aides, Inclusion Model Instructor; Supplies, E-SPED; half salary for on -site School Psychologist.
Perkins	\$97,724	School Wide Skills USA materials and participation costs; Smart Board for HVAC, 3 Auto Simulator trainers; Combination Stove Unit; Welding Table for Auto Body
Amp it UP	\$10,000	2 Machining Training sessions for Palmer and Ware 8 th graders. Brought Pathfinder national attention on the <i>Today Show</i> .
Academic Support	\$19,400	Supported 4 week (48 Contact Hours) Project Based MCAS Math Prep program
WIA Program	\$47,856	Supported 5 weeks @25 hrs. per week summer work for 28 participants 2 year round part-time jobs.
WIA Bonus Program	\$5,200	Provided quarterly bonuses of \$75-100 for WIA participants meeting Pathfinder criteria (grades, attendance)
WIA Support Services	\$250	Paid for students' Cosmetology licensure.
TOTAL	\$579,912	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Summer Youth Enrichment Program included over 110 participants between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for three one-week sessions between July 8th and July 26th. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: Automotive Technology, Machine Technology, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Environmental Explorers, Photography & Web Design, Young Einstein's Science, Vex Robotics, Bake Shop,

and Culinary Arts. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning with sports, games, or crafts in the afternoon.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Programs has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder introduced an online summer school program designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July for four weeks, but was extended to six weeks due to enable students to complete assignments on time. The vocational related courses ran in August, Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance was required for completing the program. Students enrolled in 116 academic courses, 10 in vocational course work. Additionally, 9 students took honors Algebra II. The combined summer school course enrollment was 135 from 11 school districts.

One of the most notable recognitions ever to come to Pathfinder occurred when the Machine Technology Program was featured on the April 28th broadcast of the *Today Show*. Cast from the show spent an entire day filming and interviewing students and staff as part of the Patrick-Murray administration's efforts to showcase job opportunities in manufacturing in Western Massachusetts. The brief segment gave Pathfinder nation-wide exposure and enormous pride!

FACULTY AND STAFF

Currently the Pathfinder staff consists of 45 vocational teachers, 30.5 academic teachers, 1 part-time Athletic Trainer, 10 special education teachers, 3 counselors, a psychologist, a library-media specialist, and 8 paraprofessionals. The school is managed by a group of 8 professional administrators as well as a full-time grants coordinator.

In June, the school said farewell to retirees Steven Alger, Cheryl Sawicki, Roberta Brumer, Gary Lapointe and, in September, Stanley Kapinos.

New Hires included Nicholas Jorge, Technology Director; Catherine Glennon and Kyle Pare (Social Studies); Ryan Rege (Culinary Arts); Edward O'Connor, (Hospitality Management); Mariusz Zielinski (HVAC); Daniela Labbare (Psychologist) and Francis Legassey (Electronics). Former Electronics Instructor Eric Duda was appointed Vocational Director, succeeding Stan Kapinos.

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quabog Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of two Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The school committee adopted a FY14 budget of \$13,196,923, representing a 2.97% increase over FY13. For the two previous fiscal years of FY12 and FY13, Pathfinder had a budget increase of 1.85% and 2.61% respectively. All nine District member communities subsequently approved their assessments in the spring of 2013. Consequently, the FY14 budget was approved pursuant to the regional school budget statute.

While the Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Rate is still unpredictable, receipts have consistently been in the range of 50% - 60% over the last 2-3 years. A comparable rate of reimbursement is expected to continue for the current year and into FY15.

Additionally, changes in Medicaid reimbursement procedures, the elimination of the MVIP Intensive Needs Program and decreasing enrollment have greatly reduced FY14 Medicaid reimbursement rates. Over the last four years, Pathfinder's reimbursement has decreased precipitously. In 2010, Pathfinder received in excess of \$75,000.00 to subsidize the annual budget; by FY14 the amount had declined to approximately \$14,000.00.

Finally, Chapter 70 Aid from the Commonwealth continues to be a concern for the upcoming FY15 school year. As Pathfinder's enrollment has decreased by nearly 45 students in FY14, Chapter 70 School Aid is expected to be level funded at best for FY15. In addition to the challenges presented by the aforementioned level funded Chapter 70 Aid, capital needs for various vocational shops and the currently proposed roof project may cause reductions in other budgetary areas within the General Fund.

Although budgetary constraints present a number of challenges for FY15, Pathfinder has made strides in cost containment and reduction. Changes in areas such as Health Insurance Plan Design and employee/employer contribution rates should save nearly \$250,000.00 in FY14. Additionally, a new Solar Net Metering Contract is estimated to save approximately \$35,000.00 per year in electricity charges for the next 20 years. Pathfinder is committed to continuously researching new technologies and innovations to minimize overhead costs and maximize student achievement.

The following chart illustrates the FY14 assessments (voted in spring of FY13) to each member community:

ASSESSMENT CALCULATION FY2014:						
TOWNS	MINIMUM CONT.	ADDITIONAL CONT.	SHARE OF REGULAR CAP.	2nd YR OF 5 YR CAP PLAN	TRANS- PORTATION	TOTAL ASSESSMENT
Belchertown	\$ 749,587	\$ 313,883	\$ 3,815	\$ 31,077	\$ 68,733	\$ 1,167,095
Granby	\$ 153,297	\$ 54,714	\$ 665	\$ 12,879	\$ 11,981	\$ 233,536
Hardwick	\$ 178,957	\$ 92,149	\$ 1,120	\$ 4,529	\$ 20,178	\$ 296,934
Monson	\$ 672,075	\$ 279,327	\$ 3,395	\$ 16,127	\$ 61,166	\$ 1,032,090
New Braintree	\$ 91,243	\$ 31,676	\$ 385	\$ 1,864	\$ 6,936	\$ 132,105
Oakham	\$ 74,405	\$ 28,797	\$ 350	\$ 3,386	\$ 6,306	\$ 113,243
Palmer	\$ 1,147,687	\$ 526,978	\$ 6,405	\$ 21,183	\$ 115,395	\$ 1,817,648
Ware	\$ 553,341	\$ 270,688	\$ 3,290	\$ 18,346	\$ 59,274	\$ 904,940
Warren	\$ 256,347	\$ 158,381	\$ 1,925	\$ 9,471	\$ 34,682	\$ 460,806
TOTALS:	\$ 3,876,939	\$ 1,756,594	\$ 21,350	\$ 118,863	\$ 384,650	\$ 6,158,396

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

As Pathfinder enters its forty-first year offering quality vocational education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. They have made substantial contributions to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials and the several town meetings for their support over these years

The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY15 fiscal picture will undoubtedly present another challenge. However—as always-- the goal will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh (Palmer), Chairman
Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown)
Julie Quink (Hardwick)
Stacie Pride (New Braintree)
David Droz (Palmer)
Thomas Rugani (Warren)

Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown)
William E. Johnson (Granby)
Andrew I. Jaffee (Monson)
Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham)
M. Barbara Ray (Ware)
Autumn Lopez (Student Representative)

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

SKATE PARK COMMITTEE

The Skate Park Committee had a very eventful year. We met many times to plan and design our rebuild project. We submitted an application to the Community Preservation Committee which was accepted. We had a majority of town support at the Town Meeting in May 2013 and we were granted \$45,000 from the Community Preservation Committee, which we used to install new custom steel framed ramps at the park. The community support has been growing and we have received donations of money and labor to continue with our rebuild project. We also sat before the Finance Committee in the spring of 2013 during budget planning but were denied any monetary support from the town at this time.

Michelle Ricker
Skate Park Committee

VETERANS' GRAVES

For the year 2013, all of Belchertown's Veterans' graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239, and VFW Post 8428 for their assistance in flagging Mt. Hope and South Cemeteries. Town Veteran's Agent Ray Janke, also assisted.

A Community Service Project consisting of cleaning Rural Cemetery was performed by Troop 57, local Cub Scout unit, as well as assisting in flagging of four of our smaller cemeteries.

This past year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown Community Preservation Act Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Lake Vale and Mt. Hope Cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant Veteran's Graves Officer

VETERANS' AGENT

The year 2013 provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the continued struggling economy. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town.

Future plans for 2014 would include: 1) Forging connections with resources for our Veterans' and

their families in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances; 2) Public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA or Holyoke Soldiers' Home for elder care issues; and, 3) A streamlined process to file a VA disability claim or obtain VA medical care. My office will continue to provide assistance to Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

During 2013, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal programs.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In the past year the Board of Appeals received 3 applications for Special Permits and 3 applications for Variances. All were granted.

Respectfully submitted by:

David Lucey, Chairman
Robert Hislop, Member
Mark Hebert, Member
Brian Gibbon, Associate Member
Noah Pafaur, Associate Member



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 13, 2013 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium
FY13

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:06PM

Registered voters present - 185 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1

Voted to approve and authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign an Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59, s. 38H (b), or any other enabling authority, for the anticipated annual sum of \$13,400.00 per megawatt, more or less, escalating by 2 percent each year, and for a term of up to 25 years for personal property taxes relating to a solar renewable energy facility of approximately 1.532 megawatts, more or less, to be installed on land located at Ware Road, and shown on Assessors Map 244, Parcel 156.281. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2

Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below into the Capital Account:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	FOR
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$60,000.00	Phone System Replacement
Highway Wage	\$18,000.00	Boom Mower - DPW
Unemployment	\$26,000.00	Boom Mower - DPW
Snow & Ice Removal	\$10,000.00	Boom Mower - DPW

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3

Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Everett Ave. Building	\$3,000.00	Veterans' Benefits
Unclassified	\$4,000.00	General Insurance
Workers' Compensation	\$7,000.00	Maintenance Wage
Workers' Compensation	\$200.00	Animal Control Wage
Old Town Hall	\$4,000.00	Tadgell Building
Police Station	\$5,000.00	Town Garage
Police Wage	\$14,000.00	Police Expense
Council on Aging Wage	\$13,000.00	Police Expense
Injured on Duty	\$7,500.00	Police Expense

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4

Voted to transfer from the Unclassified Account the sum of \$4,558.50 to pay the following unpaid bill(s) of a prior year:

- Bell & Hudson Insurance \$1,898.00
- Trident Insurance \$2,660.50

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 9/10 required – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:14PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 13, 2013
FY13**

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	None	
2	\$114,000.00	\$60,000 from Health insurance-Town Share for Phone System Replacement; \$18,000 from Highway Wage for Boom Mower-DPW; \$26,000 from Unemployment for Boom Mower-DPW; \$10,000 from Snow & Ice Removal for Boom Mower-DPW
3	57,700.00	\$3,000 from Everett Ave Acct to Veterans' Benefits; \$4,000 from Unclassified to General Insurance; \$7,000 from Workers' Compensation to Maintenance Wage; \$200.00 from Workers' Compensation to Animal Control Wage; \$4,000.00 from Old Town Hall to Tadgell Building; \$5,000 from Police Station to Town Garage; \$14,000 from Police Wage to Police Expense; \$13,000 from Council on Aging Wage to Police Expense; \$7,500 from Injured on Duty to Police Expense
4	4,558.50	\$1,898.00 from Unclassified Acct to Bell & Hudson Insurance; \$2,660.50 from Unclassified Acct to Trident Insurance
TOTAL	\$176,258.50	\$176,258.50

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 13, 2013 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium
FY14
Moderator – Frances J. South
Meeting called to order 7:32PM

Registered voters present - 185 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was performed by Belchertown High School Women's Ensemble directed by Susan Comstock

Selectman Ronald E. Aponte presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Alfred J. Roccanti

Selectman Brenda Q. Aldrich presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Christina M. Aponte

Selectman George "Archie" Archibale presented Employee of the Year Award to Rollin J. Dewitt

A motion was made to change the order of business and consider Articles 24 through Article 30 first.
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 24 Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$12,326 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2014; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- \$24,652 from FY 2013 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
- \$24,652 from FY 2013 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
- \$24,652 from FY 2013 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing,

And to appropriate and transfer \$29,509 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve and \$21,991 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for a total appropriation of \$51,500 to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 26 at the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting,

And to appropriate and transfer \$36,400 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 29 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting,

And further to appropriate and transfer \$41,600 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 33 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

(Vote – majority Yes)

Article 25 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of creating Jessica's Boundless Playground, such funds to be used to prepare the recreational land and equip and install recreational facilities thereon, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 7-1-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$4,900 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve for the Grave Stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Mount Hope/Lake Vale Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 27 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve for the purpose of retaining a consultant to survey buildings located outside the Belchertown Historic District that are of cultural, historical, archeological, and/or architectural significance, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Historical Commission.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 7-0-1 Yes)

A voice vote was taken and could not be determined by the Moderator. Moderator requested a hand count. (Vote – Hand Count – 119 Yes, 33 No – Article Passed)

Article 28 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$7,500 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve for the purpose of enhancing access to and the preservation of the Town's historic records by digitalizing Sentinel newspapers from 1915 to 2007, with such funds to be granted to the Belchertown Historical Association pursuant to a grant agreement, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 29 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$75,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of rehabilitating the historic Hope United Methodist Church by making improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal, state and/or local building or access codes, pursuant to a grant agreement with the Hope United Methodist Church; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall require a historic preservation restriction to be imposed on the

property and set forth the other terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said restriction.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 30 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$45,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of preserving and rehabilitating recreational facilities by designing and constructing a new skate park at the existing skate park location, with said funds with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Skate Park Committee.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Mary Olberding as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

- Assessors \$9.29
- Board of Health Members \$7.25

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9

Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,674,968.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of \$1,676,968.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,973,239.00 and appropriate the sum of \$485,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of \$3,458,239.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,764,363.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$115,500.00, for a total appropriation of \$25,879,863.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,167,095.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,520,837.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$49,500.00, for a total appropriation of \$1,570,337.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$274,500.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of \$18,709.00 for a total appropriation of \$293,209.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,959.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of \$178,034.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$1,384,661.00 for a total appropriation of \$1,591,654.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$818,892.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$713,433.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$739,950.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,149,660.00, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$325,000.00, and transfer from the Pension Reserve Trust Account the sum of \$29,765.00, for a total appropriation of \$3,504,425.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,623.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,493,418.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 10 Voted to authorize the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits, respectively.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Prog	\$10,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	\$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	\$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Town Administrator	Operating Town Beach Concession	\$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Town Administrator	Operating Town Beach	\$50,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Town Administrator	Pool Programs	\$130,000	None
Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	\$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	\$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	\$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to authorize the creation of a “Tween and up programs” revolving fund pursuant to MGL, as amended, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, to be credited with receipts from the operation of tween and up programs, to be expended under the authority and direction of the Town Administrator for the operation of said “Tween and up programs”, not to exceed a spending limit of \$25,000.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 12 Voted to fund the “Tween and up Programs” revolving fund by transferring the remaining balance of the Teen Center revolving fund as of June 30, 2013 into said fund on July 1, 2013.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

- **Remove** Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart with ending date of December 31, 2012;
- **Revise** current Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart ending June 30, 2013 to end on August 31, 2013;
- **Add** Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart as follows, to be effective September 1, 2013:

Effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

Director of Public Works	\$80,989 - \$103,387
Fire Chief	\$80,989 - \$103,387
Director of Information Technology	\$67,491 - \$ 86,155
Town Planner	\$67,491 - \$ 86,155
Town Treasurer-Collector	\$64,277 - \$ 82,053
Town Accountant	\$64,277 - \$ 82,053
Chief Building Inspector	\$64,277 - \$ 82,053
Director of Assessments	\$64,277 - \$ 82,053
Conservation Administrator	\$61,805 - \$ 78,897
Senior Center Director	\$61,805 - \$ 78,897
Recreation Director	\$61,805 - \$ 78,897
Veterans' Agent	\$54,451 - \$ 69,509

In Classified Nonexempt Employees

- **Add** the following title and grade list to be effective September 1, 2013, and to replace current list as of that date:

Teen Center Assistant	2
Council on Aging Van Driver	2
Nutritional Aide	2
Senior Center Aide	2
Assistant Cook	3
Building Custodian	3
Department Clerk	3
Secretary to the Conservation Commission	3
Supportive Day Program Assistant	3
Certified Pool Operator	4
Accounting Clerk	4
Assistant Children's Librarian	4
Facility Maintenance/Recreation Specialist	4
Council on Aging Receptionist/Dispatch Supervisor	5
Library Department Assistant I	5
Animal Control Officer	5
Accounting Department Assistant	5
Assistant Teen Center Coordinator	5
Administrative Secretary to the Board of Selectmen	5
Department Assistant I	5
Library Technician	5
Transfer Station Supervisor	5
Technical Office Assistant	5
Administrative Secretary to Chief of Police/Dispatch Supervisor	6
Aquatic Coordinator	6
Benefits Coordinator	6
Department Assistant II	6
Department Assistant/Financial	6
Fire Department Administrative Secretary	6
Teen Center Coordinator	6
Computing Department Technical Assistant	6
Elder Nutrition Program Coordinator	6
Social Services/Outreach Assistant	6
Supportive Day Program Coordinator	7
Program and Volunteer Coordinator	7
Assistant Town Clerk	7
Assistant Treasurer/Collector	7

Field Reviewer	7
Fire Prevention and Safety Officer	7
Assistant Building Inspector	7
Assistant Town Accountant	7
Administrative Assistant	7
Assistant Assessor	7
Network Analyst/Administrator	8
Technical Services Librarian	8
Youth Services Librarian	8
Head of Circulation and Reference	8
Council on Aging Administrative Assistant	8
Recreation Department Administrative Assistant	8
Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator	8
Social Services/Outreach Coordinator	9
WWTP Operator II	9
Fire Captain/Chief Fire Inspector	9
Maintenance Division Working Foreman	9
Highway – Working Foreman	9
Assistant Information Technology Director	9
Public Buildings and Grounds Supervisor	10
Highway Division Supervisor	10
WWTP Operations Supervisor	10
Director of Emergency Medical Services	10

In Part-Time Hourly Schedule Employees

Change the following range:

- Election Workers \$8.00-\$14.00/hour

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

- **Remove** compensation chart ending December 31, 2012;
- **Revise** ending date of compensation chart ending June 30, 2013 to end August 31, 2013;
- **Add** the following chart effective September 1, 2013:

Effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	\$10.54	\$10.83	\$11.12	\$11.43	\$11.74	\$12.07	\$12.40	\$12.74	\$13.09	\$13.45
2	\$13.70	\$14.07	\$14.46	\$14.86	\$15.27	\$15.69	\$16.12	\$16.56	\$17.02	\$17.49
3	\$15.75	\$16.19	\$16.63	\$17.09	\$17.56	\$18.04	\$18.54	\$19.05	\$19.57	\$20.11
4	\$18.11	\$18.61	\$19.12	\$19.65	\$20.19	\$20.75	\$21.32	\$21.90	\$22.51	\$23.12
5	\$19.93	\$20.47	\$21.04	\$21.62	\$22.21	\$22.82	\$23.45	\$24.09	\$24.76	\$25.44
6	\$21.92	\$22.52	\$23.14	\$23.78	\$24.43	\$25.10	\$25.79	\$26.50	\$27.23	\$27.98
7	\$24.11	\$24.77	\$25.45	\$26.16	\$26.87	\$27.61	\$28.37	\$29.15	\$29.95	\$30.78
8	\$25.08	\$25.76	\$26.47	\$27.20	\$27.95	\$28.72	\$29.51	\$30.32	\$31.15	\$32.01
9	\$26.08	\$26.80	\$27.53	\$28.29	\$29.07	\$29.87	\$30.69	\$31.53	\$32.40	\$33.29
10	\$27.90	\$28.67	\$29.46	\$30.27	\$31.10	\$31.96	\$32.84	\$33.74	\$34.67	\$35.62

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for the enactment of a special law allowing the town to purchase additional group life and group accidental death and dismemberment insurance for employees in accordance with the provisions of chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws, with no premium contribution by the Town, up to the limits provided in G.L. c. 32B, §11A, and to ratify the town's provision of such benefits previously; provided however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only

to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 **CITIZEN PETITION:** Voted to repeal the establishment of a Recreation Commission which took place at the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2004, Article 30, and to further reestablish the Parks and Recreation Committee, as voted at a Special Town Meeting on March 6, 1967, Article 20, and amended by a vote at a Special Town Meeting on February 12, 2001, Article 28, which increased the Committee's membership from five members to seven members.

Upon passage of this, all current Recreation Commission members' terms will expire June 30, 2013. The Board of Selectmen, acting as appointing authority, shall appoint seven members to the newly constituted Recreation Committee for terms beginning July 1, 2013, for three year terms with the exception of the first membership appointment which will be for terms expiring June 30 but so arranged that expiration dates will be staggered: two members for a one year term (2014), three members for two year terms (2015), and two members for three year terms (2016).

A voice vote was taken and determined by the Moderator this Article had failed

A motion was made for a hand count and approved.

(Vote – Hand Count – 55 Yes, 49 No – Article Passed)

Article 16 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the property known as 8 Berkshire Avenue, as shown on Assessors Map 243, Lot 244, consisting of approximately .981 acres, on such terms and conditions as deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 17 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the property known as 41 Jabish Street, as shown on Assessors Map 244, Lot 19, consisting of approximately .510 acres, on such terms and conditions as deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the Town property known as the former Franklin School at 720 Franklin Street, as shown as Assessor Map 109, Lot 51, consisting of approximately 1.6 acres, on such terms and conditions as deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease contract of up to five years for a tractor for the Department of Public Works. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into renewable energy power purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including agreements for such power or credits generated by solar photovoltaic systems for terms of more than three years, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to accept Center Street as a public way, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Center Street", Commons Group, LLC, Belchertown, MA," dated May 21, 2001, and revised through January 10, 2006, prepared by Sherman and Woods, Land Surveying & Engineering and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of

Deeds in Plan Book 209, Pages 89 and 90, and as shown on plans entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA, prepared for Commons Group, LLC, Street Acceptance Plan & "As-Built" Conditions Plan," dated March 1, 2012, and revised February 28, 2013, prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, Land Surveying and Engineering, and recorded with said Deeds Plans in Book 229, Page 29, a copy of which are on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, a public way easement in the subject way and all related access, drainage and utility easements.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 3-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 278, User Charge System, as previously amended, by removing it in its entirety and replacing it with the following new language:

CHAPTER 278; USER CHARGE SYSTEM

§ 278.1. Purpose; authority

§ 278.2. Notice of fees and charges

§ 278.3 Financial management system

§ 278.4 Methodology

§ 278.5 Abatements

§ 278.6 Inactive accounts

§ 278.7 Inconsistent agreements

§ 278.8 Adoption of system

General References

Sewers (bylaw) — See Ch. 104.

Sewer use (regulations) — See Ch. 256.

§ 278-1. Purpose; authority

A. This user charge system has been designed to produce revenues required for the operation and maintenance of the Town of Belchertown's wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewers, including capital costs for wastewater treatment plant upgrade and sanitary sewer extensions.

B. This user charge system is also designed to generate sufficient revenues to cover, at a minimum, replacement stock for sewers; costs relating to the replacement and repair of sewers, including street work and maintenance of all equipment and related appurtenances necessary for provision of wastewater treatment services; all costs of chemicals and other supplies relating to the treatment of wastewater; costs relating to personnel for wastewater collection and treatment systems; and all administrative costs relating to operation of the wastewater collection and treatment system and the collection of fees as provided for by this user charge system.

C. This user charge system has been developed in accordance with the requirements, providing that each user which discharges pollutants that cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent or sludge from the treatment works shall pay for such increased cost.

§ 278-2. Notice of fees and charges

Notification of fees and other charges assessed under this user charge system shall be provided to users in conjunction with a regular bill to be issued quarterly under most circumstances, but in no case less than annually. This notification shall include the rate and that portion of the user charges which is attributable to wastewater treatment services.

§ 278-3. Financial management system.

The town shall maintain a financial management system that will accurately account for revenues generated by this user charge system and expenditures for operation and maintenance (including replacement) of the treatment system, based on an adequate budget identifying the basis for determining the annual operation and maintenance costs and the costs of personnel, material, energy and administration. The budget shall be

prepared on an annual basis and shall be approved by town meeting vote. An independent audit of the financial management system shall be performed on a periodic basis.

§ 278-4. Methodology

This user charge system provides for the recovery of wastewater and sewer-related costs from three sources: user fees, wastewater treatment assessments and general property tax rates. This system has been designed to acknowledge that the improvements to the wastewater treatment works will benefit the community as a whole and will benefit future as well as current users.

A. User fees. User fees shall be developed based on the annual projected budget for operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment facilities, including maintenance and repair of the collection system. These costs shall be allocated to all users based on equivalent dwelling units as calculated per 310 CMR 15.203 (Title V design criteria) or based on estimates of the long-term average flow for the facility or other method as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen to capture the costs and expenses of the services provided by the Town through such system. Multiple family dwelling establishments shall not be calculated below 0.67 EDU per living unit. Where a commercial or industrial user discharges wastes of unusual characteristics, the Board of Selectmen may impose additional fees to cover the costs associated with treatment of such wastes.

Billing will be conducted quarterly as described herein:

A1. Any person proposing a new discharge into the sewer system or a substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants is required to complete a connection application. The Board of Selectmen, acting through the Department of Public Works will review, and if found appropriate, approve the connection application constituting the issuance of a connection permit. Once a sewer connection permit is issued, it is the permit holder's responsibility to notify the Department of Public Works at least 24 hours in advance of any work related to the installation of the sanitary sewer service. The Department will schedule the necessary inspections. If the connection is installed properly and ready for use, the Department of Public Works will notify the appropriate Town agencies, and sewer billing will be implemented in the following manner:

- For existing, developed property, and modifications to an existing connection which will result in a substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants, sewer billing will begin as of the date the connection is deemed complete.
- For new construction requiring a building permit, sewer billing will begin as of the date the building inspector issues a Certificate of Occupancy. For multiple unit facilities, sewer billing will begin for the total number of units for which the Building Inspector issued a Certificate of Occupancy, during the billing period (quarterly).

A2. New accounts, regardless of type, will be established in the following manner:

- If the account status is billable prior to the middle of the quarter, sewer billing will include the entire quarterly charges; if the account status is billable on or after the middle of the quarter, billing will begin on the first day of the next quarter.
- Account status will remain as billable unless the property is deemed uninhabitable by the building inspector or by the issuance of a demolition permit, condemnation order, or any similar order that may be issued by the local, state, or federal agencies with the proper authorization to do so. It is the property owner's responsibility to notify the Town when their property becomes uninhabitable. Abatements and/or status change, if approved, will be effective as of the date written notification was received by the Town. Properties deemed uninhabitable will be required to obtain a connection permit, in accordance with Chapter 256 of the Code of Belchertown.

Modifications to existing accounts will only be considered upon written request from the property owners or their authorized representative. The Town may, from time to time, audit accounts on file and make changes as required. All modifications will be implemented as of the date written notification was received, in the manner previously described.

B. Wastewater treatment assessments. The capital costs for wastewater treatment plant improvements shall be recovered in majority through a wastewater treatment assessment applied to all users. Wastewater treatment assessments will apply to all users based on equivalent single-family dwelling units as Per 310 CMR 15.203

(Title V design criteria) or based on estimates of the long-term average flow for the facility or other method as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen to capture the costs and expenses of the services provided by the Town through such system. Additionally, a portion of the capital costs for the wastewater treatment system improvements may be funded through the general tax rolls.

1. For the purposes of calculating the wastewater treatment assessment, the total capital costs for the improvements over the loan period will be divided by the existing equivalent dwelling units. This will determine the wastewater treatment assessment per equivalent single-family dwelling. The wastewater treatment assessment for other types of residential or commercial facilities will be determined by multiplying the single-family equivalency factor times the single-family dwelling wastewater treatment assessment. That portion of the capital costs for the wastewater treatment improvements which is not covered by revenues generated by the wastewater treatment assessment will be adsorbed by the general tax revenues.

C. General property tax. As discussed above, a portion of the capital costs for wastewater treatment facility improvements may be funded from the general property tax revenues. The amount to be funded from the general property tax rolls may decrease as additional users are brought on line. The amount to be funded from the general tax rolls will be determined each year by the Board of Selectmen by subtracting projected revenues from betterment and wastewater treatment assessments from the total capital recovery costs for the year.

§ 278-5: Abatements:

A. Abatements shall be given for errors in billing calculations provided such errors are brought to the Boards attention within sixty (60) calendar days of the billing date. Abatements may be granted for financial hardship if it is in the opinion of the Board of Selectmen that such abatement is warranted. Abatements will only be granted for sewer costs; assessments and betterments will still apply.

B. Submission of Abatement request

1. The board of Selectmen or its designee shall be responsible for issuance and/or denial sewer abatement request.
2. A sewer abatement applicant shall request issuance of abatement in writing and submitted to the Board of Selectmen or its designee.

C. Time Limits for Applications

1. Review and comment by the Board of Selectmen or its designee will begin once the applicant has provided sufficient documentation to support the reasons for the abatement.
2. When the request is deemed complete, the Board of Selectmen or its designee will stamp the request complete, indicating the date of completion. Completed abatement requests shall be approved or denied by the Board of Selectmen or its designee within 30 days of completion date.

§ 278-6 Inactive accounts: A sewer connection permit may be considered as an inactive account if the owner of record can provide satisfactory documentation, in the form of water or electrical usage, the\at the premises have not been occupied for a period of 366 consecutive days. Those accounts that are deemed to be inactive shall be place in an inactive filed and not billed for the current fiscal year. The status of inactive accounts shall be checked form time to time and reviewed annually. When an inactive account has been reoccupied and reconnected to the utilities, the permit shall be considered active and billed from the period when utilities were reconnected to the end of the fiscal year, at the prevailing rate.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Granby for the discharge of wastewater from the Town of Granby to the Belchertown Wastewater Treatment Facility for treatment.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 9:42PM

Attest:

William R. Barnett

Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 13, 2013**

FY14

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None					
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases.	\$100.00	100.00			
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	30,000.00	30,000.00			
6	None					
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	2,500.00				\$2,500.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Development Acct.
8	None					
9	Itemized Budget					
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	1,676,968.00				
	1. Moderator, Salary		0			
	Expenses		0			
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		12,600.00			
	Wages		0			
	Expenses		4,516.00			
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		96,811.00			
	Wages		103,770.00			
	Expenses		8,487.00			
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		65,471.00			
	Wages		101,410.00			
	Expenses		23,575.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL. FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	5. Town Clerk, Salary		53,422.00			
	Wages		55,270.00			
	Expenses		14,050.00			
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		65,471.00			
	Wages		157,200.00			
	Expenses		50,625.00			
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		74,483.00			
	Wages		61,205.00			
	Expenses		149,349.00			
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)					
	Assessor (Salary)		3,200.00			
	Wages		65,471.00			
	Expenses		200,450.00			
			24,500.00			
	Field Review Update		0			
	9. Law Account, Fees		91,300.00			
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		0			
	Expenses		250.00			
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		450.00			
	Wages		8,085.00			
	Expenses		12,400.00			
	12. Planning Board, Salary		67,308.00			
	Wages		28,465.00			
	Expenses		3,225.00			
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00			
	Expenses		695.00			
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		280.00			
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		100.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00			
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		500.00			
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary		58,759.00			\$2,000.00 from Wetlands Hearing Fees Acct
	Wages		6,665.00			
	Expenses		1,650.00			
	18A. Lake Committee Expenses		0			
	PUBLIC SAFETY	3,458,239.00				
	19. Police Department, Salary		86,465.00			
	Wages		1,096,716.00			\$485,000.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Expenses		325,243.00			
	20. Emergency Medical Svcs. Wages		0			
	Expenses		0			
	21. Fire Department, Salary		78,720.00			
	Full Time Wages		0			
	Wages		916,640.00			
	Expenses		248,678.00			
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		8,000.00			
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		25,156.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	24. Dog Officer Salary		24,242.00			
	Asst. Dog Officer Salary		3,600.00			
	Wages		10,900.00			
	Expenses		11,000.00			
	25. Inspection Services, Salary		64,147.00			
	Wages		58,212.00			
	Expenses		14,000.00			
	26. Civil Defense, Wages		350.00			
	Expenses		1,170.00			
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS					
	27. Town School Department	25,879,863.00				
	Foundation Spending		24,237,406.00	115,500.00		
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,527,457.00			
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT					
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District	1,167,095.00				
	Net Budget		1,167,095.00			
	DPW – Highways	1,570,337.00				
	29. Highways/Personnel Salary		38,067.00	49,500.00		
	Wages		624,750.00			
	Uniforms		13,250.00			
	Expenses		750.00			
	30. Highway Admin., Expenses		17,350.00			
	31. Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		242,000.00			
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		169,000.00			
	33. Hired Services, Expenses		145,500.00			
	34. Street Lighting, Expenses		40,800.00			
	35. Streets/Construction Expenses		155,240.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	36. Professional Engineering, Expenses		52,000.00			
	37. Town Garage, Expenses		22,130.00			
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL					
	38. Transfer Station (Total)	293,209.00				
	Wages					\$76,090.00 from Landfill Receipts
	Expenses					\$198,410.00 form Landfill Receipts, \$18,709.00 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Hazardous Waste Day		0			
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund	1,591,654.00				
	Wages		28,959.00			\$178,034.00 Sewer Enterprise free cash, 28,457.00 from Sewer receipts
	Expenses					\$473,934.00 from Sewer Receipts
	Maturing Debt					\$743,456.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt Interest					\$138,814.00 from Sewer receipts
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	818,892.00				
	40. Board of Health, Salary		2,825.00			
	Wages		5,000.00			
	Expenses		9,266.00			
	41. Council on Aging, Salary		59,456.00			
	Wages		360,950.00			
	Expenses		38,180.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	42. Veterans Services, Agent Salary Expenses		46,410.00			
	Veterans Benefits		1,900.00			
	43. Veterans Graves - Expenses		265,000.00			
	44. DPW - Cemetery Department - Wages		2,180.00			
	Expenses		0			
	45. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		27,625.00			
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	713,433.00	100.00			
	46. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		64,141.00			
	Wages		235,470.00			
	Expenses		98,028.00			
	47. Parks and Recreation, Salary		59,456.00			
	Wages		200,060.00			
	Expenses		9,225.00			
	48. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		36,928.00			
	49. Parks & Recreation Beach Expenses		3,825.00			
	50. Teen Center, Wages					
	Expenses					
	51. Family Center, Expenses		6,300.00			
	DPW - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	739,950.00				
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		351,195.00			
	Expenses		81,400.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		51,990.00			
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		3,600.00			
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00			
	56. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		7,840.00			
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		10,950.00			
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		52,300.00			
	59. DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		23,650.00			
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		64,800.00			
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		10,200.00			
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		22,575.00			
	63. DPW-Everett Ave Prop., Expenses		0.00			
	64. DPW-Fire Station - Expenses		34,740.00			
	65. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		1,590.00			
	66. DPW-Tadgell/MEME Space, Expenses		22,520.00			
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE	3,504,425.00				
	67. General insurance, Expense				322,366.00	
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses				2,634.00	\$14,366.00 from the Pension Reserve Trust Acct.

	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses						\$8,000.00 from the Pension Reserve Trust Acct.
	70. Health insurance, Expenses		992,601.00				\$7,399.00 from the Pension Reserve Trust Acct.
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		4,000.00				
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		100,000.00				
	73. Pensions, Expenses		2,053,059.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	55,623.00					
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00				
	75. Historical District, Expenses		348.00				
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00				
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		3,000.00				
	78. Unclassified Accts Expenses		51,475.00				
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	3,493,418.00					
	79. Interest, Expenses		778,418.00				
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,715,000.00				
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	7,500.00					
	81. Council of Governments, Assessment		7,500.00				
10-23	None						
24	Community Preservation Admin Expense	12,326.00					12,326.00 from FY13 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	24,652.00				24,652.00 from FY13 Community Preservation Fund revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic Resources	24,652.00				24,652.00 from FY13 Community Preservation Fund revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	24,652.00				24,652.00 from FY13 Community Preservation Fund revenues
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 26 of the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting.	51,500.00				29,509.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve; 21,991.00 from Community Preservation Fund Balance
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 29 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting	36,400.00				36,400.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 33 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting	41,600.00				41,600.00 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve
25	For creating Jessica's Boundless Playground, such funds be used to prepare recreational land and equip & install recreational facilities	40,000.00				40,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
26	For the Grave Stone preservation & restoration project at historic Mount Hope/Lake Vale Cemetery	4,900.00				4,900.00 from Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve
27	For consultant to survey buildings located outside the Belchertown Historic District that are of cultural, historical, archeological, etc. significance	10,000.00				10,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve
28	For enhancing access to and preservation of Town's historic records by digitalizing Sentinel newspapers from 1915-2007	7,500.00				7,500.00 from Community Preservation Historic Reserve
29	For rehabilitating the historic Hope United Methodist Church by making improvements to comply with ADA and other federal, state and/or local building access codes.	75,000.00				75,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
30	For designing and constructing a new skate park at the existing skate park location	45,000.00				45,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
TOTAL		\$45,401,388.00	\$42,138,037.00	\$165,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$2,773,351.00

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held November 25, 2013 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY14

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:35PM

Registered voters present – 81 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

- Article 5** Voted to amend the budget for FY14 as follows:
- Reduce Landfill Enterprise Fund Expenses by \$20,000.00
 - Reduce the Unclassified Account by \$15,000.00
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 6** Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Unclassified Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote Unanimous Yes)
- Article 7** Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$740,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3/ required – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 8** Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$641.36 to pay the following unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year:
- Kelco Products \$404.66
 - Kimberly Murphy \$236.70
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 90% required – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 9** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 to pay costs of replacing the South Main Street and Mill Valley Road sewer, being more formally known as the Route 181 Sewer Reconstruction Project, including payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 10** Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$30,000.00 to purchase and equip a vehicle for the Department of Public Works.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-1-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 11** Voted to reduce the membership of the Parks and Recreation Committee, re-established by approval of Article 15 at the May 13, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, from seven members to five members. (Endorsed by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Attest:

William R. Barnett, Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD November 25, 2013
FY14**

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	(\$35,000.00)	Reduce Landfill Enterprise Fund Expense by (\$20,000.00) and Unclassified Account by (\$15,000.00)
2	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00 from Free Cash to Unclassified Account
3	740,000.00	\$740,000.00 from Free Cash to Stabilization Fund
4	641.36	From Free Cash to Kelco Products for \$404.66 and Kimberly Murphy for \$236.70 (prior fiscal unpaid bills)
5	300,000.00	From borrowing - \$300,000.00
6	30,000.00	\$30,000 from Free Cash to purchase & equip DPW vehicle
7	None	
TOTAL	\$1,120,641.36	\$1,120,641.36

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

WHO DO I CALL?

LOOKING FOR?	WHERE DO I FIND IT?	TELEPHONE
• Accounts Payable	Town Accountant	323-0410
• Animal Issues	Animal Control Department	413-519-1754
• Birth/Death Certificates	Town Clerk	323-0281
• Building, Gas, Electrical Permits	Building Inspector	323-0402
• Burning Permits	Fire Department	323-7571
• Cable TV Complaints	Telecommunications Advisory Committee c/o Selectmen	323-0403
• Cemetery Plot	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• Dog Complaint Forms	Animal Control Department	413-519-1754
	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
• Environmental Questions	Conservation Commission	323-0405
• Library Programs	Clapp Memorial Library	323-0417
• Marriage Licenses	Town Clerk	323-0281
• Pool and Beach Information / Passes	Recreation Department	323-0419
• Recreational Programs	Recreation Department	323-0419
• Road Concerns / Snow Plowing	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• School Registration	School Department	323-0423
• Senior Activities	Senior Center	323-0420
• Septic and Well Permits	Board of Health	323-0406
• Sewer Billing Questions	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• Smoke Detector / Carbon Monoxide Inspections	Fire Department	323-7571
• Subdivision Questions	Planning Board	323-0407
• Tax Assessments/Abatements	Board of Assessors	323-0413
• Tax Payments	Treasurer-Collector	323-0400
• Use of Town Common, Sign Board, Pavilions, Town Hall Parking Lot, etc.	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
• Trash/Recycling & Transfer Station Questions	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• Transfer Station Stickers/Town Trash Bags	Department of Public Works	323-0415
	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
• Tree Concerns	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• Utility Companies	*Charter Communications (cable)	877-728-3814
	*National Grid (electricity)	800-322-3223
	*Verizon (telephone)	800-870-9999
	*Belchertown Water District	323-6987
• Veterans Information	Veterans' Agent	323-0409
• Voter Registration	Town Clerk	323-0281
• Water Billing Questions/Service	*Belchertown Water District	323-6987
• Zoning Questions	Building Inspector	323-0402

*not associated with the Town of Belchertown

2014 Annual Town Report



Belchertown Center

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Town of Belchertown

2014

Annual Town Report of the Town Officers



for the

Town of Belchertown

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2014 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2015
Ellen Lachance	5/2015

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Kenneth H. Snow	5/2015
Mary Olberding	5/2016
Carol Wagner	5/2017

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

Kyle Vincent	5/2016
William R. Barnett	5/2016

Board of Assessors

Donald L. Minney	5/2015
Raymond G. Goff	5/2016
Thomas A. Barry	5/2017

Board of Health

Roger M. Bonsall	5/2015
Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2016
Gary R. Racicot	5/2016
Sean J. Cleary	5/2017
Robert B. Hutchinson	5/2017

Housing Authority

Sandra S. Haigh	5/2014
Martina D. Robinson (<i>resigned</i> <i>10/22/14</i>)	5/2016
Nancy Delgado Bachmann (<i>elected</i> <i>1 year term 5/19/14</i>)	5/2015
Chantel M. Mallalieu	5/2018
George E. Dion	5/2019
Vacant (State Mbr)	

Moderator

Frances J. South	5/2017
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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Francesco Dell'Olio	11/2016
Lorraine F. Alves	11/2018

Planning Board

Louis Faassen (<i>resigned 5/27/14</i>)	5/2018
Robert Wojtczak (<i>appt. 7/28/14</i>)	5/2015
George R. Synan	5/2015
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2016
Christopher Laurenzo	5/2017
James J. Natle	5/2019

School Committee

Linda J. Tsoumas	5/2014
Clare Popowich	5/2015
Richard J. Fritsch	5/2015
Myndi B. Bogdanovich	5/2016
Michael J. Knapp (<i>elected 5/19/14</i>)	5/2017
Dawn E. French (<i>elected 5/19/14</i>)	5/2017

Board of Selectmen

Ronald E. Aponte	5/2015
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2015
George D. Archible	5/2016
William R. Barnett	5/2016
Brenda Q. Aldrich	5/2017

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett (<i>resigned eff.</i> <i>5/18/14</i>) (<i>appt'd temporary Town Clerk to</i> <i>certify election 5/19 thru 5/23/14</i>)	5/2015
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte (<i>elected 5/2014</i>)	5/2015

2014 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

John White – Assoc Member	6/30/14
Alan Page	6/30/15
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/16
Susan Gay	6/30/16
Grace Adzima	6/30/17
Will Shattuck	6/30/17

Animal Control Advisory Board

Sonya Hawkins (<i>deceased 9/2014</i>)	6/30/15
Marlene Layman	6/30/15
Nicole A. Miner	6/30/16
Carol Mae Wagner	6/30/16
Audrey Safford	6/30/17
Brian Breveleri	6/30/17
Carol Kasabian	6/30/17

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/15
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Assistant Animal Control Officer

Angela Gaj	4/30/14
Carla Brooks (resigned 3/16/14)	4/30/14
Samantha Clay (resigned 9/16/14)	4/30/15
Terry Chevalier (resigned 11/30/14)	4/30/15
Janet Lipscomb	4/30/15
Lawrence Belbin (11/24/2014)	4/30/15

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/15
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**Belchertown Casino Task Force Committee
(disbanded 5/16/2014)**

Douglas Alberston	
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Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/15
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**Belchertown's Community
Emergency Response Coordinator**

Edward F. Bock	
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**Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency
Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)**

Edward F. Bock	
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Community Preservation Committee

Geoff Farrington - At-Large Member (resigned 6/23/14)	6/30/16
Martina Robinson - Housing Authority (resigned 10/2014)	6/30/15
Betsy Loughran - At-Large Member	6/30/15
Linda Leduc - Conservation Comm.	6/30/15
Leslie Squires - Historical Comm.	6/30/15
Peg Louraine - Recreation Committee	6/30/15
Megan Manitsas - At-Large Member	6/30/16
Nick Tirrell - At-Large Member (appt'd 12/9/14)	6/30/16
James Natle - Planning Board	6/30/17
Judy Healy - At-Large Member	6/30/17

Conservation Commission

Eric Wojtowicz – Associate Member (resigned 1/13/14)	6/30/14
Polly Prunuske - Associate Member	6/30/14
Nicholas A. Burns - Associate Member (appt 3/10/14)	6/30/15
David M. Haines	6/30/15
Michael Cavatorta	6/30/15
Jon M. Clements	6/30/15
Edward T. Knight	6/30/16
John Henry	6/30/16
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/17
Linda Leduc	6/30/17

Council on Aging

Sandra Farron (resigned 1/23/14)	6/30/14
Alfred Roccanti	6/30/15
Donna M. Bozoglos	6/30/15
George E. Dion	6/30/15
Lois J. Dorn	6/30/16
James Dowling	6/30/16
Maureen Guzik	6/30/17
Fred Harris (appt 4/10/14)	6/30/17

Belchertown Cultural Council

Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/15
Bruce Klockars	6/30/15
Lew Holzman	6/30/15
Carey Southwick-Fink	6/30/16
Cathy Hews	6/30/16
Matt Grillo	6/30/17
Claudia Bermudez	6/30/17
Jennifer Meighan	6/30/17
Timothy Kennedy	6/30/17

DIF Committee

Gary Brougham - Town Administrator	
Lisa Banner - Treasurer-Collector	
Douglas Albertson - Planner	
John Whelihan - Assessor	
Loy Harris - EDIC	
Paul Silva – Finance Committee	

**Economic Development & Industrial
Corporation (EDIC)**

Ken Dorey - Low Income Seat	6/30/14
Kirk Stephens - At-Large Seat	6/30/15
Robert Rivard - Industrial Seat	6/30/15
Beth Maroney - Financial Seat	6/30/16
Jonathan Spiegel - At-Large Seat	6/30/16
William A. Terry - Govt. Seat	6/30/16
Juanita M. Hollar – Real Estate	6/30/17

EMS Department

Jonathan T. Smith - Part-Time EMT	6/30/14
John Hawley - Part-Time EMT	6/30/14
Kate O'Connor - Part-Time EMT	6/30/14
James E. Beauregard -Part Time EMT	6/30/14
Matt Rivest - Part Time EMT	6/30/14

Fair Committee

Marguerite Brennen	6/30/15
Kevin Brown	6/30/15
Mark Nute	6/30/15
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/15
Cindy Brown	6/30/15
Carla Chaisson	6/30/15

Fair Committee continued...

Scott Brown	6/30/15
William Austin	6/30/15
Wendy Chevalier	6/30/15
Shawn Lindholm	6/30/15
Sandra L. Brougham	6/30/15

Belchertown Family Center Committee

Stephen Manioudakis	6/30/15
Lisa Rainaud	6/30/15
April Czupryna	6/30/16
Dr. Gary Circosta	6/30/16
Kristin Balboni	6/30/17

Finance Committee

Kyle Vincent (<i>resigned 2/1/14</i>)	6/30/14
Paul M. Silva	6/30/14
Kate DeCou	6/30/15
Steven Rose	6/30/16
Lynne Raymer	6/30/16
Melissa Hurst (<i>appt 4/14/14</i>)	6/30/17
Edward G. Boscher (<i>appt 8/7/14</i>)	6/30/17

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County**Local Emergency Planning Committee**

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's**Electric Cooperative Committee**

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments**Burial Agent**

William R. Barnett	6/30/14
Colleen Toothill-Berte (<i>appt 6/2/14</i>)	6/30/15

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf - Director of Public Health	6/30/15
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Charles Cavagnaro, M.D.	6/30/15
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Inspector of Animal

Thomas Flebotte	4/30/14
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Historical Commission

Sue Fulton (<i>resigned 4/10/2014</i>)	6/30/14
Maxine H. Oland	6/30/15
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/15
Richard Keating	6/30/16
Leslie Squires	6/30/17
Erika A. Hamilton	6/30/17
Alexander Loss (<i>appt 12/22/14</i>)	6/30/17

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Denise Smith - Historic Assoc. Seat	6/30/15
Jonathan Spiegel - Architect	6/30/15
Thomas Stockton - Resident/Property Owner Member Seat	6/30/16
Peter Roberts - Real Estate Seat	6/30/17

Housing Needs and Assessment Committee

Matthew Charette (<i>resigned 9/23/13</i>)	6/30/14
David D'Amours (<i>resigned 9/23/13</i>)	6/30/14
Marcia Jakubasz (<i>appt 7/8/13</i>); (<i>resigned 12/2/13</i>)	6/30/16
Sandra Dunbar (<i>resigned 11/1/13</i>)	6/30/15
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	6/30/15
Susan Gay (<i>appt 4/10/14</i>)	6/30/16

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/17
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/15
Arthur Lawler (<i>appt 7/1/14</i>)	6/30/15

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/15
Charles Lydon, Jr. (<i>appt 10/6/14</i>)	6/30/15

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/15
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Inspector of Wiring

Brian Varney	6/30/14
Mitchell Staszko	6/30/15
Douglas Rae	6/30/15
Richard Rosazza	6/30/15

Lakes Committee

Kathi Smith	6/30/15
Bonnie Strickland	6/30/16
Cathy Leblond - Recreation Rep.	6/30/16
LeeAnne Connolly - Conservation Rep	6/30/17
Jenicca Gallagher	6/30/17

Lake Wallace/Foley Field Committee**(Committee disbanded 1/27/2014)**

Eric Weiss - School Committee	6/30/14
Belchertown Land Trust	
Chris Daley - Recreation Committee	6/30/15
Brenda Q. Aldrich - Selectman	6/30/16
David Haines - Conservation	6/30/16

Memorial Committee

Edward T. Knight	6/30/15
William Bowen	6/30/15
Leslie Squires	6/30/16
George (Archie) Archible	6/30/16
Raymond Janke	6/30/17

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Donald Minney	6/30/15
Simon James	6/30/19

Personnel Board

Simon James	6/30/14
Katharine Higgins-Shea	6/30/15
Noah Pefaur	6/30/15
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	6/30/15

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting**Member for Special Permits**

Robert Wojtczak (<i>appt. full mbr 7/28/14</i>)	6/30/15
Michael Hofler (<i>appt. 7/28/14</i>)	6/30/15

Police Candidate Review Committee

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.

Police Department – Sergeants**(Full-time)**

Bruce Jenks	6/30/15
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/15
William A. Panto	6/30/15
Steven Henn	6/30/15

Police Department – Patrol Officers**(Full-time)**

John Raymer	6/30/15
Edward H. Oey	6/30/15
Valerie Austin	6/30/15
Adam Brougham	6/30/15
Neil Lozier	6/30/15
Jason Krol	6/30/15
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/15
David Williams	6/30/15
Jacob Strange	6/30/15
Robert Mann	6/30/15
Jason Christofori	6/30/15
Michael Roney	6/30/15
Michael Beaupre	6/30/15

Police Department – Patrol Officers**(Part-time)**

Benjamin Beaver (<i>resigned 3/21/14</i>)	6/30/14
Sean Noonan (<i>resigned 5/29/14</i>)	6/30/14
Luke Rennie (<i>resigned 2/24/14</i>)	6/30/14
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/15
Edward Smith	6/30/15
Justin Roy	6/30/15
David Conkey	6/30/15
Jeremiah McBride	6/30/15
Ryan Johnson	6/30/15
Courtney Call	6/30/15
Robert Ivey (<i>appt 3/10/14</i>)	6/30/15
Michael Jablonski	6/30/15
Christopher Mayo (<i>appt 9/29/14</i>)	6/30/15

Auxiliary Police Officers

Steven Moore (<i>resigned 1/17/14</i>)	6/30/14
Jared LaValle (<i>resigned 1/27/14</i>)	6/30/14
Tim Brodeur (<i>resigned 6/23/14</i>)	6/30/14
Michael Jablonski	6/30/14
Timothy Hulse	6/30/14
Robert Ivey	6/30/14
Joseph M. Boyle	6/30/15
Kristy Donahue	6/30/15
Jeremy R. Burns (<i>appt 1/13/14</i>)	6/30/15
Jordyn Bradway (<i>appt 4/14/14</i>)	6/30/15
Andrew Letendre (<i>appt 4/14/14</i>)	6/30/15
Joseph Bergdoll (<i>appt 4/14/14</i>)	6/30/15
Brandon Blair (<i>appt 4/14/14</i>)	6/30/15
Kevin Dupras	6/30/15
Christopher Mayo	6/30/15
Jeffrey Beleski (<i>appt 7/29/14</i>)	6/30/15
Brittney Vallee (<i>appt 7/29/14</i>)	6/30/15
Vincent Daponte (<i>appt 7/29/14</i>)	6/30/15
Stephanie Cusson (<i>appt 7/29/14</i>)	6/30/15
Runuel Bibby (<i>appt 7/29/14</i>)	6/30/15

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/15
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/15
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/15

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Daniel Beaudette (appt 6/12/14)	6/30/15
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/15

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/15
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Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/15
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Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee

Richard Steiner

Recreation Committee

Nancy Kwiatkowski	6/30/15
William Vosburgh	6/30/15
Chris Daley	6/30/16
Peg Louraine	6/30/16
Tilo Schiffer	6/30/17

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

Regional Economic Development Commission Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Regional Casino Impact Study Committee (disbanded 5/16/2014)

Michael Reardon
Gerald Grasso - Alternate Mbr

Board of Registrars

William R. Barnett (resigned 5/18/14)	5/21/15
Colleen Toothill-Berte	5/21/15
Linda E. Barron	3/31/15
Marycatherine Knight	3/31/16
Clara M. Very	3/31/17

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Belchertown High School

Precinct Coordinator

Clair Partridge	8/31/15
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Election Officers – Precinct A

Judy A. Scott (Warden)	8/31/15
Robert J. Hansbury (Clerk)	8/31/15

Election Officers – Precinct B

Elizabeth A. Griffin (Warden)	8/31/15
Christina M. Aponte (Clerk)	8/31/15

Election Officers – Precinct C

Paul Geoffroy	8/31/14
Carol B. Walker (Warden)	8/31/15
Christian Babineau (appt 8/25/14)	8/31/15

Election Officers – Precinct D

Michael J. Griffin (Warden)	8/31/14
Paul D. Geoffroy (appt 8/25/14)	8/31/15
Jacqueline L. Como (Clerk)	8/31/15

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Judith Houle	6/30/14
Heidi Dufresne	6/30/15
Simon R. James	6/30/15
Clare Popowich	6/30/15
Theresa Przybylowicz	6/30/15
Sharon Barnett	6/30/15
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/15

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/15
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Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Skate Park Committee

Nancy Voyer	6/30/15
Dunstan McNutt (appt 6/9/14)	6/30/15
Beth Adams	6/30/16
Michelle Ricker	6/30/17
Thomas Hussey	6/30/17

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

George (Archie) Archible
 Suzanne Bay
 James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams 6/30/15

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams, DPW Director	Final Report

Technology Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno	6/30/15
Lew Louraine	6/30/15
Yosef Yimni	6/30/15
Michael Zoufaly	6/30/15
Cynthia Caporale	6/30/15

Trail Stewardship Council

LeeAnne Connolly - Town	6/30/15
Jane Bryden - Landowner Rep.	6/30/15
Douglas Albertson - Town Alternate	6/30/15

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/16
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Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/15
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Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/15
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Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/16
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Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/15
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Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham

Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/14
Theresa A. Rothwell (appt 7/7/14)	6/30/15

Town Counsel

Kopelman and Paige	6/30/15
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Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima
Steve Williams, Alternate

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/17
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Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/17
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Veterans' Services Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III	4/30/15
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Veterans' Services Advisory Board

Larry Raines - Assoc. Member	6/30/15
Michael Ross - Assoc. Member	6/30/15
Kevin Poulin	6/30/15
David Vacchi - Assoc. Member (appt. 11/12/14)	6/30/15
George "Archie" Archible	6/30/15
Gerry Desilets	6/30/15
Michael Czech - At Large Member	6/30/15
William Bowen	6/30/16
Janet Jourdain	6/30/17
William McClure	6/30/17
Raymond Janke	Period of employment
Vincent Viglione	Period of employment

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III

Zoning Board of Appeals

Mark Hebert	6/30/15
David Lucey	6/30/16
Robert Hislop	6/30/17

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Brian Gibbons	6/30/15
Noah Pefaur	6/30/15

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/17
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2014 was a year in which Belchertown saw many projects come to fruition. After many years of hard work by our committees and volunteers who donated their time, Belchertown has reasons to rejoice.

On Wednesday, December 3, 2014, we celebrated the start of the clean-up at the Belchertown State School. MassDevelopment was on hand along with the Grantham Group, who will be developing a portion of the site, and which we view as the beginning of the future. The Belchertown EDIC has spent years working to see a project come to town. Boston challenged them every step of way. When their voices weren't loud enough, in came Senator Gale Candaras and our legislative team. They fought for our vision at the State House and did not take NO for an answer. Thank you to our former Senator! Gale, your voice was strong and loud for Belchertown.

Also on Wednesday, December 3rd, Town Administrator Gary Brougham and Director of Public Works Steve Williams were in Boston to receive an award on behalf of our town. Belchertown has been recognized for being one of seven communities that over five years has achieved a goal of 20% reduction on energy cost. The Green Community is something we are all very proud of. I would like to say thank you to former Selectman, Jim Barry, on his continued dedication to this cause.

We are always looking for ways to be Green. We have signed a net metering credit purchase agreement with Altus Power of America. The 20 year contract will help Belchertown save on a large portion of its electricity usage and reduce our carbon footprint. Belchertown is expected to save up to \$160,000 annually with estimated savings of \$2.7 million over the duration of the 20 year term.

2014 saw changes in our schools. After five years as superintendent, Dr. Judith Houle resigned. Her leadership of our schools was invaluable. We thank her for all she did for our students, their families and our community. With Dr. Houle's departure we had to search for a new superintendent. A 13 person committee was selected and we went straight to work, not only once but twice. After our selection in our first search went elsewhere, we regrouped and started again. We were fortunate to have found Mrs. Karol Coffin and she accepted our offer as the new Superintendent of Belchertown Schools. I want to

thank all those who served on our search committee for the hours they put in during our searches.

Our children and their families had a wonderful 2014. On September 13, 2014, work began on Jessica's Boundless Playground. This was a dream of a very brave mother, Vicky Martins-Auffrey, for her daughter Jessica. With a wonderful committee of volunteers, monies were raised and materials donated. On November 9, 2014, the ribbon was cut and Belchertown had another reason to be proud, a playground that is handicapped accessible.

The Belchertown Family Center is seeing new life. Parents weren't going to take NO for an answer when they were told that the Center would close. They rallied and found a new director, Lori Allen. With this new life they fundraised and were able to keep the Center open. The Family Center works with the Hampshire County Educational Celebrative. This association helps with getting the children ready to enter our schools. Also the Center is a wonderful support network for our parents. Thank you to all who have worked so hard and have attended our meetings in mass.

Finally, 2014 has seen a change in our state legislators. Thanks to Senator Gale Candaras and Representative Denise Andrews who are now in the private the sector. Just hours after taking the oath of office on January 8, 2015, Governor Charlie Baker directed the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to follow through on his campaign promise to immediately release \$100 million in Chapter 90 bond authorizations that had been withheld by the previous administration. This will go far in helping our road projects.

Belchertown has shown over and over again that this is a wonderful community to raise a family and retire to. I want to thank all our residents for the efforts they make each day to ensure this.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Q. Aldrich, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator reports to the Board of Selectmen and is responsible for the day to day operation of town government. This includes annual budget preparation by departments under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen, personnel administrator, purchasing, grant administrator,

budget control, affirmative action, project management, collective bargaining, legal obligations, and any other duties the Selectmen may assign.

Much the same as recent years, our FY15 budget preparation was complicated and challenging due to limited tax revenue growth, marginal increase in state aid, additional unfunded mandates on the entire town by state and federal agencies, and increasing demands characteristic of a growth community. Although the process was challenging, the combined town/school budget of \$47,778,903 was recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, School Committee and Superintendent, and the Town's finance managers for passage at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 12, 2014 with overwhelming approval.

The Town Administrator's office and Board of Selectmen liaison to the Town's Economic Development and Industrial Corporation have been quite busy in the redevelopment plans at the former Belchertown State School site. After many years of legal proceedings, potential development scenarios and inadequate funding to remediate the dilapidated buildings and hazardous materials on the former campus, we have partnered with our legislative team and MassDevelopment once again in our efforts to coordinate a suitable reuse of this distressed site. That said, a great deal of appreciation is in order to our Senator, Gale Candaras, who has worked tirelessly with local and state officials, including Governor Patrick, to secure funding to remediate and demolish some of the buildings on the former campus. At present \$1 million in state funds has been allocated in FY15 with an additional \$3 million earmarked over the next two years.

Moving away from demolition and construction at the former Belchertown State School, the Town also was fortunate to sign a net metering agreement which is estimated to save the Town and School Department a total of \$70,000 per year on its electricity procurement over a period of 20 years. These agreements are only available to municipalities and will provide a reduction of approximately 20 percent per year in utility costs and are subsidized through the sale of clean energy credits secured by developers of large scale solar energy facilities. Ratifying this agreement has once again demonstrated Belchertown's commitment to being a Green Community and maintaining our status of only seven communities

state-wide that have achieved compliance with the Green Community's objectives all five of the years the program has been in existence. This is no easy task requiring participation from many town officials and employees on an ongoing basis. I would like to personally thank Director of Public Works Steven Williams, DPW Administrative Assistant Donna Lusignan, and the School Department's Director of Buildings and Grounds, Robert Lachance, for their ongoing efforts toward this significant accomplishment.

As some of you may be aware, the Town's financial managers agreed to withdraw \$450,000 from the Town's stabilization fund while preparing our current operating budget. As we have done for several years, a commitment was made to replace that money with the first available free cash. I am happy to report, our free cash certification was substantial enough to return the \$450,000 we borrowed with an additional \$100,000 added as well. At the current time, the Town's stabilization fund balance is slightly over \$2 million. Our ability to use our reserves when necessary, grow our reserves when possible, and maintain a high level of financial accountability has been the driver behind the Town's excellent A⁺⁺ bond rating. Much the same as the accomplishments in Green Community's compliance, this type of financial success is only possible with the work of many hands and minds, all of whom deserve a great deal of appreciation.

As I often say, Belchertown is a great community and is fortunate to have residents who volunteer countless hours and employees who are dedicated to their positions enabling Belchertown to experience success year after year.

As the 2014 calendar is about out of pages and the recent state election now part of the history book, I would like to call attention to several people who I feel the Town owes a great deal of gratitude. To begin with, thank you to Senators Gale Candaras and Stan Rosenberg, our former Senator Stephen Brewer, and Representative Denise Andrews. Senators Candaras and Brewer chose not to seek another term; Senator Rosenberg will become the new Senate President and was scheduled to no longer represent Belchertown due to redistricting; and, Representative Andrews was unsuccessful in gaining another term in the November 2014 election. There is simply no finer representation Belchertown could have had. As we move forward, we welcome our new Senator, Eric Lesser, and Representative in Precinct B, Susannah

Whipps-Lee. With new legislators and a new Governor, Belchertown will experience a transitional time that will certainly create new challenges that we will need to overcome in the absence of our longtime very capable former legislators.

In addition, Belchertown's former Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Judith Houle, chose not to seek another contract with the Belchertown School System. The position of Superintendent of Schools has responsibilities second to none. I have worked very closely with Dr. Houle over the years,

often times under difficult conditions with great success. As Superintendent, Dr. Houle was professional, committed and dedicated to the students in the Belchertown schools. As a coworker, Dr. Houle maintained the highest level of ethics and commitment imaginable. I would like to personally thank Dr. Houle for all of her efforts while we worked together toward the successes of this town.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Fiscal Year 15 budget projects an increase in the Town of Belchertown's annual estimated receipts from \$46,511,000 to \$47,780,000 for an increase of \$1,269,000 or 2.7%. This increase was primarily due to the following:

	FY 15	FY 14	Increase/ Decrease	Percent Change
Local Receipts	2,731,000	2,597,000	134,000	5%
Real Estate Tax Levy	24,034,000	23,242,000	792,000	3%
Recurring State Aid	17,774,000	17,672,000	102,000	.6%
Special Fund Receipts	3,241,000	2,950,000	291,000	10%
	<u>47,780,000</u>	<u>46,511,000</u>	<u>1,269,000</u>	<u>2.7%</u>

The increase in the Real Estate Tax Levy is due to the combination of the yearly rate increase up to the maximum statutory rate of 2.5% and new growth. The town continued the practice of "borrowing" from stabilization to balance the budget pending the calculation of free cash in the fall. Free cash replaced into the stabilization fund was \$450,000 in Fiscal Year 15 and \$325,000 in FY 14. Stabilization funds are included in Special Fund Receipts. At the end of the year our stabilization account reflects approximately \$2,006,000.00 drawing closer to Standard and Poor's recommended percentage of the entire budget to sustain an excellent credit rating.

The Fiscal Year 15 annual estimated receipts are being utilized to fund the town's operations as follows:

Department	FY 15	FY 14	Increase/ Decrease	Percent Change
General Government	1,730,000	1,677,000	53,000	3.2%
Public Safety	3,643,000	3,458,000	185,000	5.3%
Public Schools	27,715,000	27,047,000	668,000	2.5%
Highways	1,623,000	1,570,000	53,000	3.3%
Sanitation & Environment	1,883,000	1,885,000	-2,000	(0.1%)
Human Services	824,000	819,000	5,000	0.6%
Culture and Recreation	714,000	713,000	1,000	0.2%
Buildings and Grounds	726,000	740,000	-14,000	(1.9%)
Pension and Insurance	3,705,000	3,504,000	201,000	5.7%
Other Accounts	55,000	55,000	0	0%
Interest and Maturing Debt	3,372,000	3,493,000	-121,000	(3.5%)
Council of Government	4,000	8,000	-4,000	(50%)
Mandatory State Offsets	1,751,000	1,508,000	243,000	13.9%
Capital	0	0	0	0%
	<u>47,745,000</u>	<u>46,477,000</u>	<u>1,268,000</u>	<u>2.7%</u>

The Town is now entering another budget season. Although the economy is continuing to show signs of recovering from the recession, the Federal and State governments are dealing with limited resources and an

increase in demand by the State and local governments. In fact Governor Baker upon entering office in January 2015 is faced with reconciling a large several million dollar deficit. Thus, although the Federal and State governments continue to look at new sources of revenues including increasing taxes and fees, the Town continues to face a tight operating budget along with increasing costs that include a number of unfunded mandates from both the Federal and State governments. Therefore, challenges remain before us to likely suggest maintaining our goal of a level-funded budget for next year. Accordingly, major capital expenses for construction and/or infrastructure repairs are not expected to be included except for emergencies. The Finance Committee has expressed concern regarding the importance of on-going structural maintenance while acknowledging financial limitations. The Finance Committee will meet with department heads to be pro-active and develop budgeting strategies. The Finance Committee remains committed to maintaining essential services and an adequate Stabilization Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate DeCou, Ph.D., Chairman
Finance Committee

ADA COMMITTEE

The American with Disabilities Committee members for the year 2014 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department, Max Bock, Maintenance Department and Sally Dodge is the town-appointed representative. The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary.

The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Agricultural Commissions are not regulator bodies, but pro-active groups that promote farming within their communities. Last year we helped facilitate meetings for the reorganization of the Farmer's Market. The growers conducted a community survey and decided to change the market day from Thursday to Sunday, which worked well. They will continue to review ideas to increase market diversity for the coming year.

We also received a Planning Technical Assistance Award from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to develop Community options for future use of Lampson Brook Farm, the former State School farm. The PCPC planners will work with the community to recommend ways to protect the site's historic vistas and natural resources, further the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan and enhance local food security.

In 2014 the Agricultural Commission was awarded assistance from two agencies. One was a grant of \$500 from the Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions. Our proposal was selected to purchase signs for the Farmers Market. This grant provides much needed funds for promotion and advertising.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Susan Gay
Judith Gillan
Alan Page

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen held hearings for a large number of animal complaints in previous years, and felt the formation of a separate Board to hear these types of complaints would be prudent.

experience with animals. All members at this time are pet owners, including kennel owners, horse breeders, animal rescuers, and a member with a service dog. ACAB works closely with Animal Control Officer, Anna Fenton.

In 2014 ACAB was comprised of seven (7) members with a wealth of knowledge and

ACAB received seven formal complaints in 2014 for the following offenses:

- Two in February 2014: 1) Running at large; Successfully resolved within 30 days; 2) Running at large; Successfully resolved within 30 days.
- March 2014: Failure to clean excrement & running at large; Successfully resolved within 30 days.
- June 2014: Excessive barking; Successfully resolved within 30 days.
- July 2014: Vicious disposition & running at large; Successful resolved within 30 days.
- Two in July 2014: 1) Running at large; Matter is partially resolved. Waiting on advisement from Town Administrator for further action; 2) Excessive barking & running at large. Successfully resolved within 60 days.

2014 was a challenging year for ACAB in terms of handing down decisions that were binding. When dealing with the public, and in many cases, neighbors who do not get along, it is often important that we find creative and effective ways

to adjudicate matters successfully, and in a way that is agreeable by all parties. ACAB is in need of clarification regarding its powers to make binding decisions. ACAB submitted a request to the Town Administrator in September 2014 to provide guidance in this area and other ways in which ACAB can be effective. ACAB has not received a response as of 2014 year end.

One board member passed away in 2014. The vacant seat has been advertised and appointment of a new member will be made in January 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Belchertown Animal Control Advisory Board
 Brian Breveleri
 Carol Kasabian
 Marlene Layman
 Nicole Miner, Chair & Secretary
 Audrey Safford
 Carol Wagner

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

During the course of 2014, this department physically responded to 500+ calls that required us to pickup dogs running at large, capture ill or wounded wildlife, do wellness checks on animals, respond to nuisance barking calls, shuttle animals in our care to vet appointments or to wildlife rescue or to Dakin and/or Second Chance for re-homing.

We also fielded over 1500 calls with concerns and questions that residents had about town bylaws pertaining to animals, questions on how to deal with wildlife on their property, interest in adopting from us or other shelters and a myriad of other questions.

Our population of residents' licensed dogs has increased from 3001 in 2013 to 3159 licensed in 2014. We know that there are more but unfortunately they are not currently licensed.

Our rabies/microchip clinic held at Tractor Supply with Dr. Morcum from Mill Valley Vet Clinic was a huge success. We will be holding another one this March.

We were also very pleased with the results of a grant that we were able to tap into from Second

Chance Animal Clinic for trap, neuter, release of feral cats. We were able to fix almost 20 cats, which were brought back to their caregivers and adopt out 18 kittens that received shots and spay/neuter shortly after going into their forever homes.

We had great success with help from the community with trapping a stray female dog that had been on the loose for 5+ months and was uncatchable. She is now in a terrific home getting all the love and attention she was previously lacking.

We also have a Facebook page, "Belchertown Animal Control", which is a terrific way to get in touch with folks in our town and surrounding communities. It has been a tremendous asset in helping to reunite cats and dogs with their owners. It has also been an excellent outlet to spread important information to residents and get the word out on things happening in the community.

Respectfully submitted,
 Anna Fenton
 Animal Control Officer

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

At the Town Election in May, Thomas Barry was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Raymond Goff and Donald Minney remain members of the Board. After having worked 24 years in the Assessors Office, Nancy Wright retired in 2014. The Board and Assessing staff wishes Nancy a happy retirement. Jennifer Benoit is the newest member of the Assessor's staff.

Although national and state budgets continue to underperform, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively strong. Important figures in establishing Belchertown's fiscal year 2014 municipal budget included:

FY14 Total Taxable Value	1,316,202,108
Town Meeting Appropriations	\$48,374,758
Estimated Receipts/State Aid	\$25,051,657
Tax Levy	\$23,323,101
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	\$23,350,038
FY14 New Growth	\$258,310
FY14 Tax Rate	\$17.72

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The

Board also reviewed and acted upon Chapter applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational or forestry uses.

The Assessors maps were updated with the latest MassGIS data layers. The new mapping technology will improve the town's parcel data especially for non-surveyed properties.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year adjustment for all real estate in fiscal year 2014. With market conditions in Belchertown remaining relatively stable, there was little change to the overall property values in town. The Board is confident that all classes of property are being valued in a uniform and equitable manner, according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Assessors
Donald Minney, Chairman
Raymond Goff
Thomas Barry

BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate Community Channels 191, 192, and 193 on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or taped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. What we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

- Selectmen

- Planning Board
- Conservation Commission
- EDIC
- School Committee
- Board of Health
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Annual Town Meeting & Special Town Meetings (Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, and others)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

- Most BHS Band Concerts
- Most CHCS Band Concerts
- The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony
- BHS Home Football Games

(Events not being covered include Basketball games, Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Volleyball, Chess)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

- The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
- The Annual Belchertown Fair
- The Annual Fair Parade
- Some Holiday events
- Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
- Memorial Day Ceremonies

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

- St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- Dwight Chapel
- Hope United Methodist Church
- Evangel of Wilbraham

Accomplishments and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

This year we were able to:

- Purchase a portable studio with three new HD cameras
- Re-wire the station for better audio
- Stream video via the internet and the PEG Vaults to the station

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2014 was a busy and exciting year at the Clapp Memorial Library, but not without its challenges. In the face of a town budget shortfall, the Library voluntarily relinquished \$6,000 of its annual materials budget (used to purchase books, periodicals, and audiovisual items). At the same time, we lost five critical hours per week of circulation desk staffing. Nevertheless, it was a year of many accomplishments. The Library circulated 125,640 items to its 8,326 registered borrowers, who were able to choose from 5,878 DVD titles, 1700 music CDs, over 80 magazine titles, 12 museum passes, and 23,000 books. We added 4,300 new items to our collection, and borrowed 16,665 items from other libraries to satisfy the needs of our users. Membership in the C/WMARS resource sharing network leverages the collection by giving Clapp users access to a

- Charter re-numbered the PEG stations this year:
 - Channel 191 is our community TV station
 - Channel 192 is the Schedule Bulletin Board
 - Channel 193 is the 24/7 weather station with radar
- Currently working on a mobile hot spot so that BCTV can go live from any location in town

I would be remiss if I didn't single out Frank Lomanno for all his contributions to BCTV this year and years past. Frank's computer skills have made it possible for us to stream video of most of our town meetings; to have a radar feature on Channel 193; to have the vision for the mobile hot spot which will eventually let BCTV go live anywhere in town; and perhaps most importantly to be able to communicate and work professionally with the Town and School IT Departments which is what made all of the above possible.

Finally thanks to our volunteers and staff: BCTV runs on community power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Dave Barnett

Mary Ann Brennen

Judy Bettencourt

Louise Christ

Audrey LePage

Frank Lomanno

Tim Smith

Pat Barry

Keith Bettencourt

Elliot Burke

John Lebrun

Shawn Lindholm

Rick Rabe

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine and Peg Louraine

General Managers, BCTV

shared catalog of over 9 million items including a digital catalog of 24,500 eBooks and 7,200 audio books. The Library website logged 55,404 visits and 2,360 uses of the free wireless service were recorded. Housebound Belchertown residents can arrange to have items delivered to their door, and last year, over 3,000 items were hand-delivered to our patrons.

The Library hosted an amazing 519 programs attended by 12,689 individuals. Adults were able to indulge their artistic interests with workshops on Zentangle, needle felting, wet-felted soap, and pastel painting, or they attended a four-part series on Computers for Beginners or the Introduction to Email workshop. Healthy holiday eating advice was dispensed by an expert, a paper snowflake-making session was offered, and a revered local

author discussed her recently published books. Once again, the International Games Day celebration delighted a large group of all-aged participants who shared laughter, camaraderie, and a game trick or two. Two popular book discussion groups—a daytime mystery group and an evening fiction group—meet monthly.

417 children participated in the science-themed Summer Reading Program. They demonstrated ingenuity in a Lego challenge, enjoyed a “Sciencetellers” storytelling event featuring interactive science experiments, walked through a giant replica of a whale, encountered wild jungle cats, observed cutting edge robots, jumped into messy outdoor art and science fun, were introduced to computer programming with Scratch, played Frisbee on the lawn, rocked to a multi-week outdoor music series, welcomed Toto the Tornado Kitten, and marveled at the amazing Spoon Man. But the fun didn’t end there. Children were able to meet and learn about rabbits, vote (for their favorite book character) on Election Day, attend a puppet show or a drawing workshop with a published book illustrator, make holiday crafts, enjoy a Halloween song and story event, listen to an award winning storyteller, and embark on an outdoor story walk. Audiences were thrilled by a 13 year old magician’s sleight of hand and delighted to learn about the life and training of a service dog.

Four popular weekly story hours are offered for children from 3 months of age up to five years along with 4 monthly youth book discussion groups targeted at different age groups. The kindergartners from Cold Springs School enliven the Library when they arrive for their bi-weekly visits. These classes visited the Library 130 times to choose books, hear a story, and learn about libraries and the world of reading. The Paws to Read program continues, allowing children to improve their reading skills in a relaxed setting while reading to a certified therapy dog.

The Library was awarded a two-year \$15,000 “Serving Tweens and Teens” grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This federally sponsored Library Services and Technology Act grant funds outreach and expanded services to this age group, generally defined as 6th through 12th graders, and provides funds primarily for special programming, collections, and equipment or furnishings for tweens and teens. A key component of the grant is the formation of two Teen Advisory Boards

designed to involve tweens and teens in planning programs and services.

The Junior Volunteers program gave 37 young adults the opportunity to gain valuable work and community service experience by helping out in the Library over the summer. Teens also had the opportunity to learn outdoor survival skills during an afternoon of adventure challenges, participate in a summer reading program, attend new release movie nights, study for exams during special open hours just for them, and exhibit creations produced in BHS art classes at the Library.

The Library introduced three new online services. Zinio, an online magazine service, allows users to download and read digital issues of popular magazines on a computer or mobile device. Similarly, Indieflix offers downloads of independent films that can then be watched at home or on the go. BookFlix is an online literacy resource for children that pairs animated versions of classic storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks and is accessible anywhere there is an internet connection. The Library now loans a small robot geared toward computer education called a “Finch” that is designed as an introduction to programming, and also loans several invention kits called “Makey Makey”, which turn everyday objects (bananas, for example) into touchpads when combined with the internet. It’s a kind of an art meets engineering experience. Children love them.

Extra thanks goes to the Florence Savings Bank for sponsoring the special events presented during the Summer Reading Program and as always, we are tremendously grateful for the Friends of the Library who work hard to supply the Library with the extras that we can’t do without, like furniture, computers, museum passes, special programs, the license that makes it possible to show movies in the Library, and a host of other necessities. Grateful appreciation also goes to all of the volunteers who gave their time and energy while donating 937 hours of service to the Library.

Access to the building has been a challenge this year due to problems with our elevator. The expense and difficulty of fabricating parts for an apparatus that is no longer manufactured resulted in lengthy periods without an operating lift. Our participation in the online “Valley Gives” fundraiser in December raised about 20% of the cost of the repairs, allowing us to go forward with

the work. A huge Thank You goes to all of the generous supporters who donated to that effort.

Please do visit the Library. Settle into a comfy chair by the fireplace, read a daily newspaper, borrow a Nook eReader pre-loaded with over 120 titles, try out our wireless internet, find your favorite music CDs, and meet the wonderful staff. You'll be glad you visited!

Sheila McCormick
Library Director

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Now in its successful ninth year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including creation of recreational facilities or rehabilitating existing ones.

Under the CPA, the state-match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge of 1.5% averaged \$35 per household/year. This year the state provided a 31.5% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2014 was \$202,416.00 and the state match was \$63,690.00. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown greatly multiplied the town's own contributions.

The 2014 Annual Town Meeting approved CPA projects expected to cost in excess of \$524,350. However because of other cost shares, these projects only required an appropriation of \$267,800 in CPA funding.

Projects funded by the May 12, 2014 Special Town Meeting and the 2014 Annual Town Meeting include:

- Acquisition of Gerrish Property aka Jabish Brook Conservation Area

- Exterior renovations to Clapp Memorial Library
- Rehabilitation of the Community Skate Park, Phase 2
- Hill Crest Cemetery gravestone restoration
- Window replacement at St Francis Parish
- Construction of Jessica's Boundless Playground
- Improvements at Foley Field
- HAP Housing down payment assistance

The CPC is committed to an open process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

James Natle, Chairman
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair
Betsy Loughran, Clerk
Megan Manitsas
Leslie Squires
Geoff Farrington
Peg Louraine
Judy Healy
Bill Barnett, Selectman Liaison

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 23 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 12 of these were Requests for Determination, five were Notices of Intent and five for amended Orders of Conditions. The Commission issued six Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plan for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Conservation Commission administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the town. This responsibility is for the enforcement and permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations which went into effect in January, 2008. For the year 2014, there were 24 applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse

impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including housing lots, subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission reviewed the Environmental Notification Form for the Belchertown State School redevelopment project and is currently working with the project manager and the adjoining Lampson Brook Farm to provide protection, passive recreational access, environmental education and agricultural opportunities for this large undeveloped area.

The Environmental Notification Form regarding the proposed Chicopee Valley Aqueduct Fish Hatchery Pipeline and Hydroelectric Project was also reviewed by the Commission. The project consists of a water withdrawal from the MWRA's Chicopee Valley Aqueduct (CVA) to convey six million gallons per day (gpd) to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's McLaughlin Fish Hatchery. It will provide the Belchertown McLaughlin Fish Hatchery with a reliable source of cold, clean water and capture energy as this water is conveyed from the CVA to the pipeline.

It has been another banner year for land protection in Belchertown! The Town acquired an additional 90 acres to the Jabish Brook Conservation Area property through the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity, (LAND) Grant program of the Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This land purchase was approved at the May 12, 2014 Town meeting. These 90 acres, located on Daniel Shays Highway, (Route 202), contains wildlife habitat and connectivity to the Quabbin Reservoir. In addition, the Town has now protected 81 acres of the Wenzel Farm located in southern Belchertown by the purchase of the development rights under the State's Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program. This has preserved 81 acres of prime farm land on Bardwell Street. It is one of the few remaining large farm tracts in south Belchertown. Boncik Woods Conservation area was also acquired by a gift from the Smith Family. These 15 acres are located on North Washington Street adjacent to open farmlands and wetlands abutting the Broad Brook area and the Jabish Brook canal.

The Conservation Commission has been involved in numerous conservation area stewardship projects, collaborating with both private and public organizations, as well as individuals. The Wentworth Conservation Area, Reed Conservation Area and Meads Corner Conservation Area have all had trail work completed and additional signage was posted. The Conservation Commission would like to thank all volunteers and the Belchertown Department of Public Works for all their assistance with the stewardship and maintenance of our conservation areas.

The Conservation office is in the process of reorganizing our web page and updating our open space maps. The 2013-2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan, (OSRP) has been approved by the State and will continue to qualify Belchertown for numerous State grant opportunities. The purpose of this update was to revise the 2008-2012 OSRP, based on an updated needs assessment, survey results and prioritization. The 2013-2020 open space and recreation goals and objectives for 2013-2020 will continue to incorporate this data reflecting community concerns for the Town and provide Belchertown with resource and recreational management guidelines and strategies for the next seven years.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2015-2016 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect and maintain valuable resource areas and open space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted;
David Haines, Chairman
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
John Henry, Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Commissioner
Nicholas Burns, Associate Commissioner
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator
and
Michele Nowak, Department Clerk

COUNCIL ON AGING & SENIOR CENTER

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). Executive Director, Bill Korzenowski, manages the day-to-day operations. The Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. Current board members include George Dion, Chairperson, Jim Dowling, Vice Chair, Maura Guzik, Secretary, Donna Bozoglos, Lois Dorn, Al Roccanti, and Fred Morris. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We offer a Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Outreach, Insurance Counseling and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our priority in these areas. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance and prescription drug coverage information, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the state's Prescription Advantage program has added a heavy additional demand on this department. We have two SHINE trained counselors on staff. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Transportation continues to be a major issue as many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for service outstrip our ability to meet the need. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTA is still a pressing matter. The Council began providing a bi-monthly trip to Wal-Mart and Big Y in response to the need expressed by seniors. During FY14, our

handicapped accessible vans transported 263 different seniors on over 9000 individual trips. The Executive Director of the Senior Center has been successful in submitting two mobility assistance grants to obtain new 14-passenger vehicles costing \$58,000 each from the Executive Office of Transportation over the last four years. These vehicles have been put into service allowing us more flexibility in scheduling. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with transportation and a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. The Council received a generous bequest from the estate of a former client, Ella Prescott to help support this program. This program provided 1200 hours of service to almost 100+ seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. This program is partially funded by a Federal Title IIIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. This program has grown from having a budget of \$3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over \$25,000. We are pursuing additional funding through a CDGB grant and the United Way. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making every effort to maintain this service and advocate for additional transportation services and funds. We are also part of the state's Regional Coordinating Committee for transportation in Western MA.

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritionally balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes throughout the year. During the FY14 period, 389 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 12,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. We have maxed out the capacity in our dining room on a variety of occasions in the past year. Our Home Delivered Meals Program served an additional 28,000 meals to 135 different seniors. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. Currently we have had to suspend utilizing our own frozen meals for weekend use and have been forced to offer prepackaged meals from a caterer. These meals have preservatives and chemical stabilizers added to the meals. EOEA has continued to refuse to allow us to use our own "fresh frozen" meals despite repeated requests from the COA and complaints from seniors. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers. Sixteen different seniors and their families were served by this program in FY 14.

Mental Health issues are affecting many seniors. Depression is very common in the elderly and contributes significantly to related health problems. Lack of Mental Health services continues to be an issue for seniors. We have been trying to develop local programs. Currently the

Director and Social Service Coordinator are taking on-line Mental Health courses through Boston University in hopes of meeting the local need.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we also operate a non-food item distribution program, which helps our seniors to stretch their income. Items include household cleaning items, laundry products and personal care items. Donations and fundraising help support this program.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, daily exercise classes, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, Zendoodle, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups and two different musical groups. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. Computer classes are offered weekly and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Wellness programming continues to expand. One hundred seventy four people participated in a variety of programs. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Flex & Tone exercise program, Osteo-exercise class, Yoga, Tai Chi and continue to be very popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. Staffing issues prevent the offering of more evening programs.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing volunteer opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizations, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation service for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. These

collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home. A Health & Safety Fair was held at the High School for the fourth year and another is planned for April 2015.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over eighty citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY14. Over 15,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of at least \$165,000. Our Fundraising group, the Belchertown Senior Citizen's Center Association provides financial support through fundraising events and through proceeds from "Second Best", a used clothing and housewares store located next to the Senior Center. This store serves the entire community and donations are welcome. Their dedication and financial support helps fund our programs and services.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. Mental health services for seniors are lacking and we have begun an initiative involving several local organizations to address this need. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Over half our budget comes from grants, fees, and other outside funding sources. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. We now have over 3000 seniors over the age of 60 and 1000 seniors in the 60-65 year age range. The senior population will double in the next ten years as the Baby Boomers age. Additional expansion of the current senior center complex is inevitable. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that more affordable senior housing is needed along with an in-town assisted living facility. Our seniors should be able to remain in the town they helped build and receive services they need. As we place a priority on educating our children we need to prioritize services for those who helped build this town.

The Belchertown Council on Aging's Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Belchertown's Cultural Council fostered a number of cultural events and activities in 2014, involving local area artists and craftspeople. Belchertown's share from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was \$4500 to be divided among local artists.

The Cultural Council funded music programs at Senior Center by Jimmy Mazz, "Cruising Through the Fifties" and a concert by Jay Mankita, along with Chris Daley's presentation on the Assassination of JFK.

The Council funded Nicole Wander "Know Your Facts About Snacks" at Cold Spring School.

Davis Bates and Roger Tinknell presented "Under One Sky, Songs and Stories for Everyone" at the Clapp Memorial Library and Old Town Hall, respectively. Also at the Clapp Memorial Library was Gregory Malchack with "Georgia Okeefe, How to Paint Pastel Flowers", in addition to another concert with Jay Mankita.

The Council also funded a performance by the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra at the Belchertown High School. Also at the high school was the National Art Honor Society's "Painting with a Purpose" with a display at the Library.

Also funded was Multi-Arts "Bonding Families through the Arts" and John Root's presentation "Edible Perennial Gardening and Landscaping."

The Belchertown Cultural Council is always willing to consult with townspeople who wish to find a way to fund projects and programs in town. We thank those who have designed and presented programs.

Council members are: Bruce Klockars, Claudia Bermudez, Jennifer Whitehead, Jennifer Meighan, Tim Kennedy, Carey Southwick-Fink.

For the Council, Cathy Hews (Carlton)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1982. Seven members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered, three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

During 2012 the EDIC overcame many obstacles that were blocking the development of the site. The EDIC were able to solve the indemnification issues in the Memorandum of Agreement between EDIC and DCAM with help from MassDevelopment and our legislators. In mid-2013 MassDevelopment became the Master Developer for the site and have continued to work towards developing the State School property. During 2014 the Governor signed the release of a key additional parcel from DCAM to the EDIC that will be transferred in early 2015.

MassDevelopment continue to work on a conceptual plan for the site with the EDIC, Town Selectman, the Planning Board and Town Manager. All parties are working together to design a master plan that fits with the overall goals of the Town Plan. In January 2014, MassDevelopment posted an RFP for developing an assisted living facility on approximately 3 acres (or more) of the State School site. The EDIC awarded a letter of commitment to the Grantham Group to pursue the necessary permits and funding to build an 84 unit assisted living facility on Pad 1, the first area to be developed. The first \$1.3 million in State funds for demolition and clean up began to flow in 2014. MassDevelopment filed an Environmental Notification Form and received a MEPA Phase 1 waiver to allow remediation and demolition on Pad 1. Contracts were awarded for the clean up of the Administration Building and the demolition and clearing of Pad 1, which should be completed by late Spring 2015. The EDIC and MassDevelopment also worked with the Planning Board to adopt a new zoning district and held meetings with Mass Historical Commission and the Belchertown Historical Commission to collaborate on plans for memorializing the history of the site.

Directors:

William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat
Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat
Beth Maroney, Financial Seat
Juanita Holler, Real Estate Seat

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During 2014 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. The towns CTY instant notification system continues to provide general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the town's emergency plan which focuses on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members continue to maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the direction of Homeland Security.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock
Emergency Management Director

FAIR AND PARADE COMMITTEE

Belchertown celebrates its 157th annual fair. The theme was "Barnyard Boogie", allowing the exhibitors and town groups to use their imaginations and come up with some creative ideas for decorating their booths and floats. We even saw a singing and dancing cow by the Stone House booth.

Thursday night's fireworks did not happen this year due to mosquito Triple E detection on the East Coast. Amusement rides were provided by Mark Fanelli Traveling Amusements Company. Kids' night out was a big hit again this year, sponsored by the Christ Community Church. Giant pumpkins were weighed in and first place went to the Lamontaine family with 317lbs, second place Lamontaine family with 284lbs and third place the Lamontaine family with 217lbs.

Saturday morning, one of the most anticipated events of fair weekend occurred: the parade. Chairs were set up as early as 6:30am to make sure to have the best seat possible. Marchers in the parade included amateur units: Girls and Boy Scouts and the Belchertown Twirlers. Professional units included the American Legion Color Guard and the various specialties of the Melha Shriners. Music was provided by the Belchertown High School Band and the Jabish Brook Middle School Band. The judge's award for Best Presentation of Theme went to the Friends of Clapp Memorial Library for the third year in a row.

Other awards include:

- 1st place Float: Belchertown Day School
- 1st place Band: Belchertown High School
- 1st place Antique Car: Bill Drawek
- 1st Place Tractor: David Doyker
- 1st Place Marching Unit: Footloose School of Dance
- 1st Place Marching Professional: Belchertown Fire Department
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest: Aimee Henderson
- Helen Papp Award: Heidi Bradway
- Exhibit Hall Grand Champion: Dale Zaleski
- Glenn Butler Award: Aimee Henderson
- People's Choice Award: Andy Brown
- Preston Atwood Award: Ryan Butler
- Les Campbell Award: Walter Coombs Jr.
- Fair Cake Adult: Aimee Henderson
- Fair Cake Youth: Raymond Livenwood

Also occurring were two favorite events: horse and oxen pulls. The winners for the horse pulls:

- Austin Teamsters Award under 3300: Brian Kleeburg
- Austin Teamsters Award over 3300: Mike Boisseau
- 3300 pounds and under: Keyser & Lose with Spud and Bob
- 3300 pounds and over: Mark Powling with Jonny and Jim

The winners for the oxen pulls were:

- 2400 pounds and under: Mike Audett with Gater and Tiger--9,500lbs
- 2800 pounds and under: Audette brothers with Bill and Jake--10,500lbs
- 3200 pounds and under: Audette brothers with Willey and Turbo--11,000lbs
- Free Class over 3200 pounds: Tim Clark with Sonny and Butch--5,500lbs
- Youth Teamster Class: Kenny Moulton

The winners for the Rabbit Show were:

- Senior Showmanship: Kori Botelho
- Junior Showmanship: Joelle Camara
- Novice Showman: Mason Mormile
- Best of Show: Tate Mason
- Best Reserve: Parker Mas
- Herdsmanship Award: Joelle Camara

The Poultry Show winners were:

- Best in Show, adult: Glenn Jameson
- Best in Show, youth: Lana Krol
- Youth Standard Bird: Megan Howe
- Showmanship Special Needs: Ana Jameson
- Showmanship Cloverbud: Chloe Macaluso
- Showmanship Novice: Allison Cote
- Showmanship Junior: Thomas Williams
- Showmanship Senior: Basil Trombly
- Rooster Crowing: Chloe Macaluso with "Luke"
- Duck Dash Winner: Emily Lackie

There were many other events that happened over the weekend. The Social Tent was busy entertaining people of all ages. The Kids' Tent was buzzing with different types of games and other entertainment. Our exhibit hall was busy with fairgoers all weekend. Hats off to the Exhibit Hall volunteers -- what a fantastic show of their talents to show off all of the exhibitors' entries.

Countless hours are spent planning the parade and fair. The Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments, EMS, Department of Public Works, Town Hall and the Town Hall Administration Staff for all of their help. Thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors; their help is never forgotten. Most of all I want to thank the Committee members for all that they do; without this group, this event would not exist.

Looking forward to next year!

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Nute, Chairman
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

BELCHERTOWN FAMILY CENTER

The Belchertown Family Center is a community resource for families with children ages infant to five years old. The Center is committed to providing the community with early childhood enrichment in a safe environment that allows children to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically through learning activities and play.

The Belchertown Family Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 9:30-12:00. Each session consists of time for free play, as well as an art activity, a music activity, a nutritious snack and circle time. The Family Center also has an outdoor playground that is open during and after operating hours.

The Belchertown Family Center operates through funding from the Collaborative for Educational Services of Northampton, active fundraising through the Executive Committee and through the Belchertown Family Center Association. The Family Center also recently received funding from the Town of Belchertown to replace its alarm system and to service the furnace. The basic operations budget for the Center annually is \$4,700.00.

For further information, please contact Lori Allen, Director of the Belchertown Family Center, at (413)835-5201.

BELCHERTOWN FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Fire-Rescue Department is a combination of the Town's fire and emergency medical ambulance service. The Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection, and environmental conservation to our community, along with our high quality Emergency Medical Services. We continue to provide 7/24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of fourteen full-time staff, one part-time, and forty call/volunteer firefighters in addition to the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

It has been another very challenging year with funding; however, town meeting continues to support our requests to maintain the level of the service we provide.

The department commits to the best Fire Protection, and Pre-Hospital Paramedic level care possible to the members of our community. This year the department was awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security for approximately \$70,000.00 to replace two cardiac monitors on each of our advanced live support ambulances.

The members continue countless hours of mandated and bi-weekly training to provide the best services capable. Overall there was a slight decrease in actual fire events, and fire prevention activities and permits. The ambulance transported 1,356 emergency 911 calls, showing a continued increase in service of about three percent.

In closing, I would like to thank the firefighters and paramedics of the department for their continued support and dedication to serve. I would also thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without the family support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional people take an active role in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief

Types of Responses 2014

Structure Fires	14
Ambulance Responses	1356
Vehicle Fires	03
Vehicle Extrication	04
Wildland Fires	12
CO Alarms	20
Hazardous Spills	08
Faulty Appliance	21
Sounding Alarms	100
Investigations	128
<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>06</u>
Total	1672

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	609
Smoke Detector	230
Oil Burner	59
Propane Storage Underground	70
Tank Removal	09
Fuel Storage	03
<u>Blasting</u>	<u>03</u>
Total	0983

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS -- For Fiscal Year 2014

The Hampshire Council of Governments (Council) is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2014 were \$52,255.85. The dues collected help support Council programs and services. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the assessment and to expand services.

For every dollar spent on Council programs, participating western Massachusetts communities receive at least three dollars back in taxpayer savings and value. All of our programs and services are designed to save taxpayer money, keep investments local, and contribute to a healthy, sustainable environment. All revenue generated is reinvested back into local communities.

ADMINISTRATION: The Council began a campaign to address significant areas of deterioration of the structural integrity of the historic Courthouse. The cost to restore the Courthouse is in excess of \$3.7 million. The Council approached local Community Preservation Act Committees requesting financial support. The Council was pleased and honored that the City of Northampton and Town of Goshen awarded the Council funds to help towards improving the safety and historical integrity of Old Courthouse. State and federal funding sources will also be identified because the building is owned by the 'inhabitants of Hampshire County' and is our shared historic legacy.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT:

Hampshire Power is the only local electricity supplier with a non-profit mission to save you money and keep electricity dollars in the local economy. Achievements in FY 2014:

- In conjunction with our Hampshire Solar program, signed 5-year electricity supply agreements with several local municipalities.
- Responded to the changing electricity market characterized by high price volatility and extremely high winter electricity pricing by transitioning from Real-Time to Fixed-Price electricity contracts that offer long term rates designed to be below the default utility price.

- Initiated an outreach campaign to educate customers about the changing electricity market.
- Put in place the mechanisms and infrastructure necessary to offer fixed-price electricity contracts and to serve large loads.
- Marketed to a broad base of customers within western Massachusetts as well as in central and eastern Massachusetts.
- Was awarded the winning bid to serve the Municipal/Community Choice Aggregation of Lancaster.
- Attended the 37th New England Governors & Eastern Canadian Premiers Conference which focuses on energy issues and clean energy goals for the region, which resulted in a community solar initiative in partnership with MassDOT.
- Explored options for offering green power to its customers.

Community Choice Aggregation is a program for residential and business customers designed to bring choice, control, and cost savings to the electricity market. As of June 2014, thirty-five towns and cities are working to use their buying power to enhance the savings opportunities. (As of December 2014, 43 municipalities were included, with others expected to join in 2015.) The program is expecting full state approval shortly. Residents of additional communities are already seeing the benefits as Hampshire Power serves residents and businesses with lower prices.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative: The Cooperative is celebrating its 33rd year serving western Massachusetts' communities and school districts. The program coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2014 was \$6,598,627.54 with an estimated savings of \$750,732.36 for participating communities.

Hampshire IT: The Council operates a professional, affordable, and comprehensive IT service tailored to municipalities and school districts by partnering with Paragus, Strategic IT. The program has experienced growth over the past year and continues to add new towns. The more towns join the contract, the lower the hourly rate for everyone participating in the program.

Regional Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping: Recognizing that towns have experienced a decline in available and qualified town accountants, the Council established a professional accounting and bookkeeping service. In Fiscal Year 2014 the Council provided accounting services for the Towns of Chesterfield, Goshen, Granby and Westhampton as well as for not-for-profits including WiredWest, Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, Northampton Business Improvement District, and New Century Theatre.

Healthy Hampshire/Mass in Motion Grant: The Council was awarded a multi-year grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to create Healthy Hampshire (HH) and we have been working through municipal and community leaders to effect changes to community policies and systems that have been shown to have a measurable impact on health. Goals of Healthy Hampshire include:

- Improve nutritional quality of school meals and snacks
- Increase the number of students walking and biking to school
- Increase the number of healthy options available to consumers in small retail outlets
- Create healthy design standards for municipalities to follow when considering any new development or retrofits

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INSURANCE TRUST (HCGIT)

The Trust has once again held their costs down with no premium increases for the 2014 Insurance Year. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products.

In the Insurance Year 2014 (April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014), the collective premium for the Trust was approximately \$48 million. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent health benefits.

Wellness Initiative Program: The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program promoting healthier choices and behaviors among employees covered by the HCGIT. Utilizing the health risk data from insurance claims as well as needs and interest surveys from employees to develop health and health promotion programs.

This year more than 20 Worksite Wellness Mini grants were awarded to fund Wellness Teams helping to develop and implement wellness programs. These grants allow employees to develop evidence based programs to address the risks of employees where they work.

A few of the many programs supported by the Wellness Initiative included:

- Spring and Fall Challenges – over 400 employees participated in these online physical fitness challenges by walking, biking, and running. They logged thousands of hours, steps and miles.
- Health Screenings – conducted at worksites to help employees know and understand their biometric numbers and make healthier choices.
- Ahealthyme – an online health and wellness portal launched this year in collaboration with BCBS to help subscribers take greater control of their health using personal health assessments, and online workshops to track their progress.
- Colonoscopy Promotion – as a result of our multiyear promotion beginning in April 2011 to encourage subscribers to have colonoscopies the Trust has gone from 51% participation in this screening to nearly 75% reducing colorectal cancer among our members.
- Ergonomic assessments – help employees adapt their workstations to improve their posture and health.
- Sleep workshops – while we understand the importance of sleep, many people have trouble sleeping. Dr. Siegfried Haug helps employees understand and implement behaviors to improve their sleep.

SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Sustainability Department is to promote green energy development and energy conservation projects throughout Western Massachusetts. The Council seeks to strengthen local economies through resource conservation, increased efficiency, and by keeping renewable energy monies in the region. In Fiscal Year 2014, the Sustainability Department has:

- Expanded the Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) brokering program to 214 clients and 1,874 kW of capacity under contract.
- As part of the Green Communities Project, assisted the Town of Middlefield in the installation of new heating systems at the Highway Garage and Fire Station and prepared bids for new windows and doors at the Highway Garage.
- Worked closely with Hampshire Power to create and offer a financially viable solar net metering option for Hampshire Power member municipalities.
- Explored the possibility of locating a Community Solar Array in which residents can buy in access to the array.
- Provided consulting services on the development of a 950kW array in Central Massachusetts.
- Managed the 850 kW Wilbraham Landfill Solar Array project.

- Provided consulting services to the Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium to develop regional bids for household hazardous waste management and collection on college campuses.
- Established protocol for SREC II program.
- Will broker approximately 1,400 SREC's at the DOER July 2014 auction.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties is the Council's community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing, and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies. The program benefits the senior population by keeping them active and engaged, and benefits our region by bringing these volunteers' dedication, wisdom, and expertise to bear on our communities' most pressing needs.

- During Fiscal Year 2014, 638 RSVP volunteers gave more than 101,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$2.7 million.
- RSVP volunteers serve at senior centers, hospitals, nonprofits, schools, libraries, after school programs, and survival centers in towns across the two counties.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 65 volunteers led weekly strength training classes for more than 600 seniors.
- 227 volunteers increased the capacity of nonprofits to serve the needs of our community through fundraising and program support.
- 140 volunteers increased food security in our region through service at food banks, survival centers, and senior meal programs.
- 267 volunteers improved the quality of life for more than 13,000 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

THE TOBACCO FREE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (TFCP)

The Hampshire and Franklin County Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities' efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke by enhancing state and local tobacco control efforts, exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Cessation and Prevention program, TFCP serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts. The programs successes include:

- Passed updated tobacco regulations in three Hampshire County towns that prohibit the sale of tobacco in health care institutions (including pharmacies), restrict the sale of single cheap cigars, ban the sale of blunt wraps, and limit youth access to nicotine delivery products like e-cigarettes.
- A strong presence in creating Smoke Free Environments. In addition to efforts that resulted in the Yankee Candle Company implementing a tobacco free property policy at their flagship store, distribution center and corporate headquarters, Yankee Hill apartments (Easthampton) and the Ware Housing Authority have also adopted a smoke free policy within their housing developments. These policies eliminate the risk of secondhand smoke exposure.
- Individual presentations were made at over 16 community based organization regarding Other Tobacco Products (OTP) and smoking cessation and smoke free housing policy. These presentations were frequently addressed to family support staff within the organizations.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Administrative Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org, FB, and Twitter.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kyle Vincent
 William Barnett

BOARD OF HEALTH/QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

BOARD OF HEALTH PERMIT/LICENSE ACTIVITY REPORT

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2014.

Private Drinking Water Well Permits:	24 (19 New Construction, 5 Replacements)		
Septic Permits:	57 (26 New Construction, 31 Repairs)		
Perc Test Applications:	48 (25 New Construction, 23 Repairs)		
Bakery:	2	Piggery License:	0
Day Camp Permit:	1	Public Pool Permit:	1
Ecology Can Permits:	1	Public Spa Permit:	0
Food Establishment Permits:	21	Residential Kitchen Permits:	7
Frozen Dessert License:	3	Retail Food Permits:	14
Funeral Director License:	1	Septic Hauler's Permits:	9
Limited Food Establishment Permits:	7	Septic Installer's Permits:	28
Milk & Cream Licenses:	25	Tanning Unit Permits:	2 permits/8 units
Mobil Food Permits:	2	Temporary Food Permits:	21
Mobil Home License:	1	Tobacco Retail Permits:	12
Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/Furnaces		Food/Retail Review:	4
Variance Permits:	0		

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Quabbin Health District

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health in 2014:

Reportable Diseases:

Calicivirus/Norovirus	1	Campylobacteriosis	3
Giardiasis	1	Haemophilus Influenzae	1
Hepatitis C	5	Influenza	20
Lyme Disease	9	Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	0
Salmonellosis	1	Streptococcus Pneumoniae	0
TB-LTBI	2		

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The 37 cases listed above are those which have been confirmed. The recent addition of a computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Ruth Amador, R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

In addition, in 2014, the Health Department vaccinated 19 citizens at risk for flu complications. Home visits are performed for fragile or home-bound seniors who can't attend an immunization clinic.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:

Public education:

- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Cases follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Amador, RN, MSN

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals.

On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the Town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

In 2014, I conducted inspections of 189 farms. The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on those inspections:

<u>Animal Count</u>			
Beef Cattle over 2 years old	113	Horses over 1 year old	432
Beef Cattle under 2 years old	112	Horses under 1 year old	8
Breeder Pigs	12	Lamas over 1 year old	43
Chickens	893	Llamas under 1 year old	2
Dairy Cattle over 2 years old	30	Rabbits	111
Dairy Cattle under 2 years old	4	Sheep over 1 year old	18
Feeder Pigs	4	Sheep under 1 year old	0
Game Birds	35	Steers	29
Goats over 1 year old	44	Turkeys	14
Goats under 1 year old	4	Water Fowl	116

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices. In 2014, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filled with the Belchertown Board of Health office: Dog bites: 16; Cat bites: 2; Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 18; Two bats were sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing. Both tested negative for Rabies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Flebotte, Animal Inspector

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the

jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 26,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2014.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	46	34	5
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	26	3	1
Septic Application Review (Repair)	31	19	8
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	61	18	10
Well Application Review	24	N/A	3
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-inspections	31	148	4
Lead Paint Inspections	0	4	0
Condemnations (#of units)	1	1	0
Voucher Housing Inspections	0	14	0
Housing Court Appearances	7	2	0
Food Service Inspections (routine and complaint)	85	111	2
New or Remodeled Food Plan review	4	1	0
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	21	9	0
Beaver Permits	3	2	0
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated and Orders issued as warranted	16	37	2
Tanning Bed Licensure	2	2	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	2	0	0
Tattoo/ Body Art Establishments	2	1	0
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	1	1	N/A
Meetings/Hearings	10	10	9

Total: Inspection Activities District-wide: 834

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2014 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2015 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers Matt Dow, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk. I also would like to thank Ware Public Health Nurse Carolyn Merriam BSN, R.N. and Belchertown Public Nurse Ruth Amador, R.N. for their hard work this year.

Sincerely,
Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health, Quabbin Health District

HISTORIC DISTRICT BYLAW

COMMISSION

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, the Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district.

During the past year we reviewed plans for proposed work within the Historic District that did not require public hearings and therefore were issued a "Certificate of Non-Applicability". These include 10 South Main Street to install a business sign to be located between existing posts and to install business sign to be placed under the existing real estate sign. We issued Certificates of Applicability to the following: 4-8 Park Street to install a rail across the front of the building. We reviewed one Application for Certificate of Appropriateness which was denied: 10 South Main Street for placement of sign. We issued one Certificate of Hardship to 19 South Main Street for installation of a small, narrow glass pane in the middle panel of each of the side doors of the Clapp Memorial Library.

There have been no changes in the membership of this commission during 2014. There is one vacant seat on this Commission.

No preservation awards were presented during 2014 by the Historic District Bylaw Commission.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our

historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Smith, Chair
Peter Roberts
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members:

Leslie E. Squires - Chairman
Maxine Oland -Vice Chairman
Judith Gillan Erika Hamilton
Richard Keating Alexander Loss
*Elizabeth Userwood, Consultant from UMass

During the past year the Historical Commission spent a lot of time discussing the former Belchertown Station School and the ramifications of any development that is being planned in the future for said property.

The Historical Commission has developed a survey for the citizens of Belchertown to share their opinions and ideas regarding how they want to acknowledge the history of the former State School and the role it played in Belchertown's history. The Historical Commission discussed the idea of an interpretive trail and the placement of historical markers along trails that go through the property.

In December of 2014, the Commission was invited to a BEDIC (Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation) meeting, where we discussed the agreement that both the Historical Commission and the BEDIC will have to sign regarding historical preservation at the former State School. We also formed a joint subcommittee to discuss the historical preservation and acknowledgement at the former State School property.

In our December meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to welcome Alexander Loss as a committee member.

We hope that the next year will be a productive one as well for the Commission and the Town of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie E. Squires, Chairman

BELCHERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 12 family housing apartments, two apartments managed by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and a group home managed by the Western Massachusetts Training Consortium.

The Housing Authority is managed by an Executive Director, appointed by the elected Board of Commissioners, and is operated according to the policies of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The elderly/disabled apartments are located on Everett Avenue. Each unit has a living room/kitchen combination, bedroom, and bathroom. Apartments are located on first and second floors. On site parking is available. The office building contains a coin operative laundry room and a community room, which has additional amenities for tenant use. Heat, electric, and trash pick up are included in the rent. There is on site maintenance and a 24 hour answering service.

The family housing apartments are located on State Street and George Hannum Road. Each apartment has a living room, kitchen/dining room combination, bedrooms, laundry room, full bath on the second floor, and a half bath on the first floor. Off street parking is available. Trash pick up is included in the rent.

The rent for the above apartments are determined based upon your households' net annual income. Family apartment rents are set at 27% of the household's monthly net income while elderly and disabled apartment rents are set at 30% of the household's monthly net income (as some utilities are included). The DDS housing is located on State Street and George Hannum Road, while the group home managed by the Consortium is located on East Walnut Street.

The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Avenue, OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. When the office is not open, an answering service will answer your call.

Respectfully submitted;
Pamela Rogers - Executive Director
George Dion - Chair
Nancy Bachmann - Affirmative Action Officer
Chantel Mallalieu - Treasurer

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department issued forty (40) new construction-building permits for single-family residences. While there were no new permits for new commercial buildings, the following new businesses were permitted and issued certificate of occupancies in 2014; including a new Pizza Hut, Antonio's Pizza, Almeida's Café and Very Berry.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1579. New Single-family residence permits for the year 2014 increased by eight in comparison to previous year 2013 and significantly over years 2012-17/ 2011-15/2010-38/2009-22 and 2008-19.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard and Arthur Lawler are serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and Richard Rosazza and Douglas Rae are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

IT (Information Technology) DEPARTMENT

2014 brought a roll-out of a new website that has a back-end that allows us to better keep the information up to date. The IT Department continued to support the ever growing technical needs of the various town and public safety departments.

In addition to finalizing the town-wide phone system that saves a significant amount of money on our monthly phone bills, we have begun roll-out of town-building wide wifi with public access.

Thank you,
Kevin J Hannon, IT Director

LAKES COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2014, the Committee has met 5 times and has been working with the Tri-Lakes Association and local residents to develop a Lake/Boating Regulations and Bylaw. The purpose of these regulations is to protect the public health and safety and to establish a uniform process by which the Lake Committee/Town can review and regulate activities that affect the lakes and other water-bodies within the Town. It is our hope that these regulations/Bylaw can be presented at the May 11, 2015 town meeting.

On May 31, 2014 the Lake Committee sponsored a lakes public outreach event at the Town Beach, located on Lake Metacomet, in partnership with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, (PVPC) and the Recreation Department to address the annual and long-range management strategies

needed to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for the towns waterbodies. The Lake Committee would also like to conduct a quantitative plant survey and also develop a long term integrated management program for all three lakes. We would like to hire a limnologist/consultant for this work. The Committee is seeking funding for these activities.

The Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2015 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman
Bonnie Strickland, Vice Chairman
Kathi Smith, Clerk
Jennica Mainville
Cathy LeBlond

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching active and leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Through the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches and the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors we were able to offer clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, volleyball, baton twirling, soccer, art, yoga and Tai Chi. We welcomed back some of our old favorites such as Take-A-Hike Little Tike and the popularity of Field Hockey, Junior Golf and Sing-It-Loud continue to grow in numbers each year. Some of the new programs we introduced this year included; Stone Critters, Cake Decorating, Computer Animation and Cupcake Creations. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal.

We welcomed back many familiar faces along with new patrons this past summer to the Town Beach. We continued our work over the fall and winter months in our efforts to improve our bathhouses, changing rooms and concession stand.

With the support of our loyal patrons we are able to continue to offer the following programs at our community indoor pool; American Red Cross Life Guarding Course, Stingray's Swim Team, American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, both group experiences and private lessons, morning water exercise classes, lap swimming is offered 4 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools, town schools and area boys and girls organizations continued to use the facility this past year.

The Belchertown Recreation Center continues to offer programming such as Safe Sitter, Wetland Exploration, cake decorating and cooking classes. We have been able to expand our adult programming to add additional Yoga, Belly Dancing and Tai Chi classes. The Center is becoming more popular as a place to rent for children's birthday parties or meetings. We are currently looking to expand programing in the center by adding a chorus and senior dance program.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices

and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

To learn more about what we offer please check out our website at www.belchertown.org/rec or signup for our electronic email which sends new of our upcoming programs right to your home computer.

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board met monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, assuming there was business to conduct.

Members starting the year included Katharine Higgins-Shea, Simon James, Nancy Bachmann, and Noah Pefaur.

The following miscellaneous actions were acted upon:

- The Board met in May, 2014 and again on June 11, 2014 to consider:
 - A request by three employees dated May 9, 2014 to review the Town's implementation of compensation classifications following compensation study and the application of such to the employees' compensation.
 - Action taken: Requested a legal opinion and formal response from Town Counsel.
- The Board met on June 11, 2014 to consider:
 - A Grievance request, dated June 5, 2014, from an employee through her counsel regarding the employee's compensation following implementation of results of 2013 compensation study.
 - Action taken: Requested a legal opinion and formal response from Town Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Personnel Board Members

Katharine Higgins-Shea

Simon James

Nancy Bachmann

Noah Pefaur

PLANNING BOARD

In 2014, the Planning Board initiated and pursued several zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan: The Planning Board worked to implement the recommendations of the 2009 Community Plan in multiple ways:

The Planning Department continued working with Mass in Motion, grant-funded public health program. This is a collaboration with the consultant, and with the health, conservation and public works departments. This work further brought in other partners, including the Belchertown EDIC, the farmers' market, Hope United Methodist Church, the New England Small Farm Institute and Team Jessica, to further overall accessibility in the area of the town common to the courthouse. This is a continual project that will

work to integrate pedestrian and bicycle facilities to promote physical activity, community vitality and alternatives to cars. This project is to encourage more walking in town for health, recreation and support of community businesses and other activities that are fostered by pedestrian activity. Walking route maps were produced in 2014.

The Planning Department researched and wrote language describing a new zone for the state school campus called the Neighborhood Business Center. This is to create a vibrant new center of the community with a mix of uses that is sensitive to the history of the state school and its residents, that promotes development designed with the natural features, and that provides for business and residential opportunities not previously accommodated in town. Construction is to use current technologies in energy efficiency and storm water management; it also is to integrate pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities.

The Planning Department advised the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in its study and report, "A Community Vision for Agriculture and Open Space at Lampson Brook Farm, Belchertown, Massachusetts". This is in support of retaining Belchertown's agricultural heritage and rural appearance. Promoting small-scale local agriculture is essential to retaining the *rural look and feel* identified by many residents as what they love most about Belchertown.

The Planning Board, with support from the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Commissioner, drafted an accessory apartment bylaw that was adopted by town meeting in May. The first permit for an accessory apartment was granted in October.

The Planning Board met with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce to discuss how to support small business development.

The Planning Board assisted the conservation commission in completing and publishing the revised Open Space and Recreation Plan. The planning department created the Open Space and Recreation Map.

The Planning Board, with nearly everyone else in town, has enthusiastically supported Jessica's Boundless Playground. This is a model of what a true community project is and we applaud Team Jessica not only for the success of the playground, but for the example of cooperation and spirit they show us.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Twenty seven new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

STREET

Bardwell Street	8
North Liberty Street	6
South Washington Street	5
Shea Avenue	2
State Street	2
Dressel Avenue	1
Franklin Street	1
Jensen Street	1
North Street	1
Total Lots	27

The Planning Board monitored eleven subdivisions under construction during 2014. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work during the slow real estate market, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

One subdivision was given a certificate of completion in 2014. This was Oasis Drive. One definitive plan was submitted for a new subdivision, which is still under review at the year's end. This is for a small extension of Old Sawmill Road.

The Planning Board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The board works with developers to create a work plan in consideration of the slow economy and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews:

The Planning Board approved site plans for a commercial solar electricity project off Springfield Road and Nelson's Barber Shop on North Main Street. Another site plan for Sumer Heating Company, Inc. to install propane storage is under review at the year's end.

The Planning Board granted special permits for an accessory apartment and for the solar electricity project mentioned above, and is in the process of reviewing an application for an earth removal special permit at Bardwell Street. The department reviewed two telephone tower applications that were withdrawn by the applicant.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a

change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

The Planning Board proposed several zoning bylaw amendments that were adopted by town meeting in May. One amendment was to the site plan approval bylaw to incorporate the architectural design guidelines developed by the board in 2013. Another was to define and establish criteria for the new use of medical marijuana facilities. The other was the accessory apartment bylaw.

Other Work of the Planning Department

The Planning Board's web page is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and planning board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning bylaw and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Planning Department provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and to MassDevelopment on the state school redevelopment.

The Town Planner has been very active as a member of the Pioneer Valley Development Council and in the regional housing plan committee. Regional priority development areas and priority protection areas were developed through this.

The Town Planner and building commissioner are assisting the fire department in improving house numbering visibility.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Town Planner is on the board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Committee, and the advisory board of the Citizen Planners' Training Collaborative.

Planning is always made better by having good information.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership in 2014 was as follows:

- George Synan, Clerk (term expires: 2015);
- Robert Wojtczak, (appointed to fill vacancy until 2015 election)
- Daniel Beaudette, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2016);
- Christopher Laurenzo, Chair (term expires: 2017);
- James Natle, Vice Chair and Single Signature authority (term expires: 2019);
- Louis Faassen, (resigned in May, 2014);
- Michael Hofler, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits. (Appointed annually)

Staff

Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary.

Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Police Department continued to remain proactive and diligent to the residents of Belchertown in 2014, providing quality professional services to the Belchertown Community.

Our dispatch center received 12,856 calls for services. We received 3,644 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 265 arrests, combining physical custody arrests and criminal complaint applications for a total of 808 incidents. Officers issued 1,325 motor vehicle violations. The Police Department investigated 290 motor vehicle accidents.

The Police Department remains proactive and continues to embrace the community policing and philosophy as our department's model and perspective of policing, offering several community based-policing programs. The programs include the RAD, RAD kids programs, Dare, and the Triad program through our local Seniors and Law Enforcement working together group (S.A.L.T.) through the Belchertown Senior Center.

The Belchertown Police Department through a partnership with the Northwestern District Attorney's office and Hampshire County Sheriffs Department continue to offer a Prescription Drug drop off box where residents can come in to the Police Station and drop off unwanted prescription drugs that will be disposed of properly by the Sheriff's Department. This program has been welcomed with great success collecting 136 pounds of prescription medications in 2014.

The Belchertown Police Department signed on to a collective partnership with numerous police departments across the Western Mass Region, The Western Mass Mutual Aide Agreement was developed which would allow our agency to request policing resources from other Western Massachusetts police departments in the event of an emergency and or pre-planned event or when assistance was necessary the program has been met with overwhelming participation with over fifty police agencies signing on to the agreement so far.

The Belchertown Police Department through a partnership and grant offered by the Northwestern District Attorneys Officer trained all officers in the implementation of Narcan, a lifesaving tool which would allow officers to treat individuals in medical distress due to an overdose of heroin and/or opiate substances. This is a lifesaving tool that will now

be carried in all police cruisers as part of our Police Department's first responder efforts.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The Belchertown Police Department continues to assign a full time school resource officer to work within the Jabish Brook Middle School and Belchertown High School assisting staff and students, providing security and school based education to students, faculty and staff. This initiative has been met with great success. The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within our school district and through this cooperation continues to keep this valuable position in place. The D.A.R.E curriculum is being presented at the 5th grade level; the Police Department and the School Department endorse the program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs and violence.

Belchertown Police Officers and Belchertown High School staff continues to teach the RAD and RAD kids programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. The Police Department continues to offer the RAD program at Belchertown High School for junior and senior women so they could receive classroom credit for the program. The RAD kids program, through the efforts of Swift River Elementary School gym staff and the Police Department, continues to be offered at the 2nd grade level with continued success.

The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program. This program is sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our community's children. Safety seat installations will be held throughout the course of this coming year and by appointment. Residents may call the Police Department to make appointments for this service. The Belchertown Police Department continues utilizing technology using both a Facebook and Twitter page to assist our department in getting important information out to the community, both informative information about situations that may take place in the community or to give the community insight to our organization. We encourage all community members to view our two developed pages and like and/or sign on to

receive important information about our department.

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department continues to receive several traffic safety grants throughout the course of the year. The Governors Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs through the agency's Clicket or Ticket initiatives, and funds received are used to address seatbelt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues in our community.

The Belchertown Police Department K-9 program continues to assist our proactive efforts in keeping the residences of Belchertown safe. The specialized efforts of Officer Adam Brougham and his Belgian Malino dog, Falco, continue to be important to the protection of our community and surrounding communities.

This past year the Police Department welcomed a new Reserve officer to our ranks with the promotion of Christopher Mayo from an Auxiliary Officer Position.

The Belchertown Police Department Auxiliary Officer program continues to grow and strive to offer qualified candidates the ability to enter the Belchertown Police Department on a volunteer basis as auxiliary officers and help the Department with special functions and assist the Department when needed. The Department presently has 13 sworn officers as part of the program.

The dispatch center hired Emily Tebo as a part time dispatcher this past year. The center continues to operate with only one dispatcher on duty at any given time.

Dispatchers as well as officers attended various continuing education courses offered by the State 911 Department as mandated by that agency to maintain their certifications. New police employees were also sent to training sessions that included a five day basic telecommunicator class, a three day medical dispatch class and a two day 911 equipment training class prior to the start of their dispatch duties.

In 2014, the Police Department implemented a new phone system which will have an automated attendant feature so residents can select where their call will be routed to and also have direct access to officers' voicemails. Residents are reminded if there call is of an Emergency nature to please dial 911 and or dial 0 on your phone touch pad to speak to the dispatcher on duty directly. Residents are reminded that the dispatch center continues to utilize emergency medical dispatch call talking protocols which were implemented in 2013. When calling our dispatch center with a medical emergency follow the instructions given by the dispatcher. The dispatcher will keep you on the line while sending emergency services to you and will also provide you with pre-arrival instructions.

In December 2014, we reached the one year mark since our center began dispatching the Fire Department. The addition has worked out well by bringing all town dispatching services together as a collaborative effort while realizing a cost savings for the town and providing residents with quality service.

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to make this community viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the Police Department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women of the Belchertown Police Department who work so hard and diligently in our public safety mission to keep the residences of Belchertown safe.

Respectively submitted,
Francis R. Fox, Jr.
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

This Department endured one of the wildest winters it has seen in several years which began with ushering in the New Year with a Nor-Easter on January 3, 2014. February brought continual blizzards, and arctic blasts accompanied by sub-zero temperatures, sleet, and freezing rain which pummeled our area with unruly storm patterns that occurred almost every other day of the week. Snow accumulations for the month of February alone totaled 44 inches and for the first time in many years this department declared a snow emergency which allowed overspending for snow removal. Sanding, salting, and pushing back snow banks became the day's norm and additional wintry mixes on March 31, 2014 and again on April 15, 2014 put us past the initiation of spring, as old man winter refused to exit. Overall total snow accumulation for the season amounted to 75.25 inches. In addition, our town's private contractors utilized 669.25 plowing hours working alongside our crew throughout the season keeping our town roads open and passable in the worst conditions. It was a long abated winter that this department was glad to see finally come to an end.

Coinciding with this year's winter wrath, we additionally were forced to deal with a nationwide salt shortage that caused extended delays for salt deliveries. Wave after wave of winter storms hampered snow and ice removal efforts forcing suppliers to keep up with the demand which in turn depleted salt inventories across the state/country. Highway districts were informed to conserve salt supplies and implement conservation efforts thereby forcing vendors to shift supplies to those territories that required it most or on a first come first serve basis. Our plowing priorities concentrated on keeping our roads clear and passable utilizing 1300+ tons/42 deliveries of Fire Rock (treated salt) for the month of January alone. We were able to maintain stock on hand by placing orders swiftly and in an effort to keep us on the priority list. Although we sustained throughout the winter we remain cautiously optimistic that next year's vendors' supply will be bountiful enough to meet our demands as it appears our winter weather patterns have taken a turn for the worst.

On a lighter note, Governor Patrick announced the release of \$30 million dollars on April 9, 2014, via the WRRRP (Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program) which was designed to assist those communities who met challenges of repairing damage(s) as a result of this past harsh winter. In June, the Town of Belchertown DPW executed its contractual obligations with MassDOT which was to complete all projects by September 30, 2014 and in order to receive its portion of the program which amounted to \$94,753.00. The Department utilized these funds towards the roadway completion and paving of both Munsell Street and Old Amherst Road with this much needed allocation.

In June, National Grid working in conjunction with "WeatherBug" (a brand owned by EarthLink's Networks) launched a test pilot program that provides live weather data and maintains a weather station network by operating a dense lightning sensor network that uses broadband technology to constantly track total lightning in hurricanes. National Grid chose the Department of Public Works as one of its hosts for this test pilot program and a near \$10,000 system was delivered and installed on August 4, 2014 at the DPW Highway Garage location. The test pilot components consist of an in-house LCD television monitor and an on-roof telescoping pole and sensor which will enable the tracking of outside temperatures, wind speed and direction, precipitation, humidity and more. In exchange, National Grid will be able to collect the data and improve upon storm monitoring and the Department can also view potential incoming harsh weather patterns that affect our area.

Moving into other areas, this Department additionally handles many aspects of other town projects; one of which is the maintenance and reporting of the Town's Green Communities since designation in May, 2010. The Department entered into its fifth and final year of reporting with our Green Communities Annual Report submittal on October 29, 2014 to the Department of Environmental Resources (DOER). Once again, we have proven an annual decrease of 21% energy efficiency for year 2014. On December 3, 2014 Green Communities participants gathered at the State House where Governor Deval Patrick along with other state and local officials recognized seven designated communities out of 136 who achieved a 20% reduction in municipal energy use. State Rep. Denise Andrews (D-Orange) presented Town Administrator, Gary Brougham, and DPW Director, Steve Williams, who were in attendance to receive this citation, stating that "Belchertown was one of the first Green Communities recognized and continues their leadership to advance good energy and operations policy for its residents and town; work that is critical to meet the challenge of reducing operational costs and to advance conservation, renewable energy, and green job creation for a responsible and sustainable future."

ROADWAYS & RECONSTRUCTION: Our Route 181 Reconstruction Footprints Road Project finally achieved bid construction status as of Saturday, September 13, 2014 by the MassDOT Highway Division. The Belchertown roadway reconstruction and related work along a section of Route 181 (Mill Valley Road and Franklin Street) bid process will begin on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. This project's recent assessed value is \$8,710,000. We anxiously await this process to begin as it's been approximately 10+ years in the making and we look forward to seeing it finally become a reality.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: The Department of Public Works continues to review all Stormwater Management applications throughout the year, thus completing 24 applications in 2014. The Department's Annual Stormwater Training for all divisions was held on March 26, 2014. Training is conducted annually by Jennifer Cavanaugh, project engineer from Fuss & O'Neil, who documents and records the Department's activity for the year and in order to maintain compliance

EARTH DAY: The Department celebrated its annual Earth Day event on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 by offering town recyclable orange trash bags for residents wishing to partake in the collection of roadside trash. A total of 120 small trash bags were given out to 10 participants who collected trash in various locations throughout the Town. All trash was disposed of at the Town's Transfer Station. The Department wishes to thank all town residents who participated in this year's Earth Day event and appreciates your efforts towards keeping our community green.

SAFETY: Our Safety Committee was active this past year as well. They organized departmental training in several topics including: Work Zone/Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walk through of the DPW buildings to insure safe work practices and improvements were being implemented.

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: In 2014, the Department was able to purchase the following vehicles: 1 - 2014 Chevy Full Size K2500 4 x 4 Silverado PU Truck; 3 - 2015 Ford F350 Pickups w/plow.



HIGHWAY DIVISION: On June 17, 2014 this Division suffered a great loss and was truly saddened with the passing of employee Dennis Daniels (in photo to left) our Heavy Equipment Operator II. Dennis was valued for his knowledge of on-site operations over the years. He always had a smiling face and jovial personality and continues to be deeply missed by all.

Moving into areas of construction, the expansion and transformation of the Lawrence Memorial Hall, Clapp Memorial Library and town center parking lots (Everett

Avenue) was completed in May, 2014 by the Highway Division who conducted the major excavation work and our Maintenance Division who polished off the location with the installation of 31 Arborvitae's alongside the easterly side of the entire parking lot. This additional parking space has already proven beneficial for our town residents and employees as it provides additional access and transition to both the Library and Lawrence Memorial Hall.

The Highway Division strives endlessly towards keeping our roads well-traveled and maintained during all seasons of the year. During the 2013-2014 snow removal season, our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was \$4,144.62.00 approximately 18.4 % higher than 2012/2013 season (\$3,475.00). The total cost for the season: \$309,624.80.

The months between the snow seasons were spent performing the normal array of activities that included crack sealing, drainage repairs, clearing of brush and vegetation from the roadsides, removing debris and sediment from detention basins/catch basins, street sweeping, sign installation, line painting and repairing equipment. In addition, the crew repaired potholes during 10 months of the year, shoveling approximately 700 tons of blacktop. That's enough to pave a 10-foot wide strip one inch deep over 2.12 miles.

The Division was responsible for the preparations for all resurfacing/reclamation projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings.

Week of July 14, 2014

<u>Street</u>	<u>Length/Ft</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Dana Hill	670'	\$12,442.75
Greenwich Hill	600'	\$12,583.60
Clark Street	1000'	\$15,701.30
Summit Street	1800'	\$22,440.45
	4070'	\$63,168.10

Week of July 21/22, 2014

<u>Street</u>	<u>Length/Ft</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Oakridge Drive	1150'	\$20,638.84
Mountain View Dr.	1500'	\$16,557.82
Shea Avenue	6270'	\$42,387.97
No. Liberty St.	5336'	\$88,700.29
	14,256'	\$168,284.92

Week of September 17, 2014

<u>Street</u>	<u>Length/Ft</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Maplecrest Drive	2100'	\$ 85,000.00
Rockrimmon Street	1118'	\$ 40,000.00
River Street	5000'	\$150,000.00
Cold Spring Street	2800'	\$ 85,000.00
	11,018'	\$360,000.00

Totals: 12 Streets, 29,344 feet, cost: \$591,453.02

PUBLIC WAY ACQUISITIONS: On November 4, 2014, the Department of Public Works requested the Board of Selectmen to hold a public hearing for the Alteration of Layout for Berkshire Avenue and its Extension. Notified abutters and parties of interest were able to attend seeking information regarding this proposed project, which is to widen the road layout for potential development to be located within the former Belchertown State School Property. With the Board's acceptance this proposal went to Special Town Meeting which was held on Monday, December 1, 2014 where residents voted to accept this proposal, unanimously.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: This year the User Sewer Charge System was amended and voted on unanimously by town residents at the Annual Town Meeting (Article 22) which was held on Monday, May 13, 2013. In addition, new sewer rates reflected a \$40.00 per/EDU increase for FY'15 as follows: South End Sewer: From: \$ 656.00 per EDU/Year to \$696.00 per EDU/Year; Central District Sewer: From: \$ 749.00 per EDY/Year to \$789.00 per EDU/Year.

In August, the Department conducted a much needed sewer pipe replacement project that began the week of August 11 – 20, 2014. Due to the impeding traffic flow the road had to be closed off to through traffic. All totaled, 390 feet of pipe was laid to aid the sewage/water flow from Jackson Street to Howard Street. By mid-September, the road was reclaimed and paved back to its normal state of condition. The Department will continue the remainder of this sewer pipe replacement in Spring of 2015 on Jackson Street.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 156,600,000 gallons of wastewater this past year; higher than what was received in 2013 (136,000,000 gallons). They also had 17 new connections during the year, four of them were from within the Tri-Lakes sewer system and 13 came from the central area. This brings the total number of customers served up to 1,709 equivalent dwelling units.

The Department also completed the eighth year of our 10-year inflow and infiltration mitigation plan that was adopted to identify areas, which are allowing groundwater to enter the collection system. During 2014, activities included visual inspections of trouble areas, video inspections, and a cleaning of approximately 2,765 feet of collection system. Other sewer maintenance included identifying and enforcing the removal of two illegally connected sump pumps, injecting and sealing of two severely leaking sewer structures and the replacement of over 380 feet of problematic sewer line.

The Department also worked on some facility and pumping station repairs and improvements to include two process tanks' joint sealant replacement, a 40 hp. motor replacement, a decanter mechanism rebuild, two sewerage pumps rebuilds, one pump station drive repair, and a clarifier PLC replacement.

In October the Town received its new NPDES Permit from the EPA which mandated further discharge reporting requirements for some nutrients and sewer collection system maintenance. In addition, there are more stringent limitations for Aluminum, Copper and Total Phosphorous which the facility staff and the design engineers will be working on achieving.

TRANSFER STATION: This Department continues to monitor all aspects of the Town's waste disposal activities with regards to residential permit access, proper disposal of recyclables, solid waste disposal in town purchased orange bags and any/all other activities that correlate to our Transfer Station Rules & Regulations. In August, the Transfer Station was equipped with two surveillance cameras accompanied by television monitoring. This year 59 violation letters were sent out to residents who were identified as not adhering to the Town's set regulations. The annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations can be found on the town website located at www.belchertown.org. DPW link/page.

Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1,584 which continues to vary slightly for those who participate in our disposal/recycling program. The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during the year 2014.

<i>Recyclable</i>	<i>Per Unit(s)</i>	<i>Year 2013</i>	<i>Year 2014</i>
Paper & Cardboard (co-mingled)	Tons	418.64	465.96
Waste Oil (gals)	Single	1050	350
Tires (single)	Tons	2.2	5.14
Solid Waste (tons)	Tons	724.45	594.56
Electronics (tons)	Tons	9.4	15.185
Scrap Steel (tons)	Tons	48.00	49.74
Textile (tons)	Tons	5.3	3.9

In addition, the Department was able to maintain pricing for the sixth year in a row (FY' 09) for a Transfer Station Permit Sticker fee set at \$100.00 per year and discounted for senior citizens age 65+ at \$80.00. Bag pricing also remained the same at \$17.00 for large bags/per bundle of 10 and \$12.00 for small bags/per bundle of 10. These bags may be purchased at a variety of stores, town offices and at the Transfer Station, located at 135 Hamilton Street.

CEMETERY DIVISION: In 2014, the Department conducted a total of 30 burials consisting of 15 earthen burials and 15 cremations. In addition, 18 Deeds were issued for 32 lots. Other routine activities included archiving lot sales, mapping, grounds maintenance, lot layouts, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows and headstone repair. The Belchertown Cemetery Division continues to archive all deceased within the Town of Belchertown on a continual basis. The Department now retains 3,334 Cemetery Deeds/Recordings dating back to year 1832 and Burial Certificates/Recordings dating back to year 1795; all of which are currently housed in fire-proof file cabinets for the preservation of these important documents for years to come.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE: The Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Division was extremely busy during 2014 caring for all town buildings, 200+ acres of grounds/open space to include recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, all of which were time consuming, required knowledge of, and geared towards decreasing energy costs to the town as well as preparing for future harsh weather events as those experienced this past year. Below is a list, to name a few, of the projects this division conducted.

Although this year brought a reduction of manpower as well as budgetary constraints this department still managed to complete the following projects:

- Conducted the seeding and fertilization of all Recreation and School fields.
- Annual repairs to the Town Common, which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to re-establish the turf.
- Assisted with the annual setup and removal of the Belchertown Fair components.
- Repaired Baseball fields at High School and Jabish School
- Sodding of Stadium Field at Belchertown High School
- Tree installation (Arborvitaes) for Everett Avenue parking expansion
- Installation of new water heater at Fire Station
- Sheet rocking at Police Department attic space
- Re-mounted and/or re-installed 29 mailboxes that were damaged due to the weight of snow from plow removal efforts during the winter season

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL: As with every year, the Town's Tree Warden attends the Massachusetts Tree Warden & Foresters Association Annual Conference in order to receive recertification and accreditation to conduct his work in the field. In year 2014, Belchertown's Tree Warden, Steve Williams, supervised the removal of 70 trees consisting of the following varieties: 6 oaks, nine ash trees, three pines, 46 maples, two locusts, one hemlock, two poplars and one cherry. All of these trees were diseased, damaged, or deceased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter. In addition, numerous on-site visits were conducted in order to determine various reports of tree damage caused by weather damage, rot, or infestation.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: In closing, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to each of our employees (listed below), for another great year of hard work and long list of accomplishments. It is because of the entire DPW team that allows this Department to keep moving forward and conduct the work we do every day. In addition, I remain grateful to the Town's private plow contractors for their outstanding efforts and dedication to this Department and our town. I look forward to another prosperous year with great enthusiasm that the Department of Public Works will continue to serve the Town of Belchertown in its best capacity; doing what we do best!

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| ▪ Dylan Bachand, WWTP Laborer/Maintenance Division Laborer | ▪ Christopher Johnson, Maintenance Division Laborer |
| ▪ Christopher Besancon, Maintenance Division Laborer | ▪ Denis Lessard, Highway Division Operator II |
| ▪ Heather Blanchard, WWTP Operator I | ▪ Donna Lusignan, Administrative Assistant |
| ▪ Max Bock, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor | ▪ Sean Madden, Maintenance Division/DPW Laborer |
| ▪ Walter Bosworth, Highway Division Supervisor | ▪ David Martel, Highway Division Mechanic |
| ▪ Darin Braese, Highway Division Operator I/II | ▪ John Panzetti, DPW Highway Division Operator I |
| ▪ Ed Burton, Highway Division, Foreman | ▪ Leo Peet, Highway Division Operator |
| ▪ Terry Chevalier, DPW Laborer | ▪ Jeff Plant, Maintenance Division/DPW Laborer |
| ▪ David Clegg, Buildings & Grounds Foreman | ▪ Ronald Ritter, Highway Division Operator I/Laborer |
| ▪ Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I | ▪ Lenny Russell, Transfer Station Supervisor |
| ▪ Dennis Daniels, Highway Division Operator II | ▪ Stephen Sikes, Highway Division Mechanic |
| ▪ Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operation's Supervisor | ▪ Scot Swistak, Highway Division Operator II |
| ▪ Darren Gallagher, Transfer Station Laborer | ▪ Samantha Taylor, Maintenance Custodian |
| ▪ John Grossman, Maintenance Division/ DPW Laborer | ▪ David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I |
| ▪ Walter Henry, Highway Division Operator I/Laborer | |
| ▪ Anthony Hurtado, Transfer Station Laborer/ WWTP Laborer | <u>Seasonal/Part-time Employees</u> |
| ▪ Karl Jensen, Maintenance Custodian | ▪ Adam Luipold, Maintenance Division |
| | ▪ Patrick Luipold, Maintenance Division |
| | ▪ Jeff Grossman, Maintenance Division |

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

**QUABOAG VALLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION &
QUABOAG VALLEY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CORPORATION**

In 2014, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) and its affiliate agency, the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (BAC) continued its focus on community economic development issues, particularly through assistance to small businesses. The board of directors of the BAC includes a representative appointed by the Selectmen from each of the 15 participant towns. Belchertown's appointee is Krista Wilson.

The BAC made small business loans using funds from a CDBG grant through the Town of Palmer and a loan from the US Dept. of Agriculture. The BAC also has a line of credit with Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation. A line of credit is established with five local banks: Country Bank, Monson Savings Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Southbridge Savings Bank and SpencerBANK. In 2014, seven loans were approved totaling \$268,612. These loans were in the following towns: Belchertown, Brookfield, Hardwick, North Brookfield, and Palmer.

The CDC continued to provide direct assistance to small businesses throughout the year, interacting with 92 businesses within the region. Of these, 73 received at least one hour of individual business technical assistance with an average of 7.75 hours each. In some cases this was in the form of business planning assistance. In other cases it was outside consulting with attorneys, accountants, computer specialists, bookkeepers and marketing consultants. Most was underwritten by grants from the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation, and Community Development Block Grant funding. In addition, using funding from the Mass Broadband Institute, technology grants to increase the use of broadband services were made to 20 businesses in the region.

Computer and business training to businesses and their employees continued through the CDC in 2014 in Brimfield, Palmer and Ware. We have added ServSafe training to our Workforce Training certified classes. New training equipment and software have increased the capacity of the training program thanks to grant funding from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. Workforce Development Training Funding through Commonwealth Corporation was awarded in 2014. It provides for free software training in QuickBooks and Microsoft software for employees of eligible businesses in Western and Central Massachusetts.

Residents are encouraged to contact the CDC with business financing, training or technical assistance needs by calling 413-967-3001 or visiting the website: www.qvcdc.com.

Respectively submitted,
Sheila Cuddy, Executive Director

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

In 2014, the Committee's voluntary members were: Dr. Judith Houle, Rev. Emmanuel Haqq, Sharon Barnett, Theresa Glanville, Clare Popovich, Heidi Dufresne and Simon James, Chairman.

The Belchertown Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors living in Belchertown. The Committee depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown for contributions. Contributions can be sent to the Belchertown Scholarship Fund c/o the Town of Belchertown's Tax Collector or contributors can add a contribution to their tax payments via the designated portion of their tax bill. We started the year with a balance of \$1,933.16 and ended it with a balance of \$1,455.15. We received donations and interest of \$3,021.99. We paid out \$3,500.00 in scholarships.

In the year of 2014, we awarded seven scholarships of varying amounts to Belchertown residents: Geena Detorrice, Ashley Giglietti, Lauren Chrabascz, Helen Austin, Alyssa Maggi, Jennifer Ollari Barry and Chelsea Beaulieu.

Please consider a donation to help the children of Belchertown with their education expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Simon James, Chairman

SCHOOLS

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools: Since July 2014, I have had the pleasure and privilege of being your Interim Superintendent of Schools. It was a position which I sought without an in-depth knowledge of the quality of education which was being provided to the students served by the Belchertown school system.

What I discovered was that Belchertown, like most cities and towns, has its share of difficulties and challenges. Of course, there is always the issue of inadequate funding for vital town services including education. This is a result, in part, of unbridled state mandates which are imposed by state legislatures. In addition, it results from the town's inability to increase revenue to cover the ever increasing cost of essential town services. But, it says a lot about the quality of personnel in all town departments that they continue to get the job done with fewer and fewer resources.

Regarding education, I am pleased to be able to report that the students served by the Belchertown system are demonstrating that they are being well served by a collection of dedicated and committed educators. Student test scores, at all levels, continue to show steady and in some cases exceptional improvement. Although there is, as is always the case, room for further improvement, a system commitment to a professional development program which focuses on the individual and unique needs of each educational level will provide teachers with the innovative tools and strategies to insure continued growth for all students.

Fortunately, I inherited a team of administrators made up of remarkable individuals. The daily demands on building level administrators are close to untenable. Yet, the problems are addressed and the tasks are accomplished. This is primarily due to the hard work and demonstrated ability of the building administrators to support, direct and provide for what teachers were hired to do — teach.

During my relatively short stay, I have come to realize that Belchertown and its school system are remarkable. They are remarkable because of the people who live in the town and support the schools and because of the people who make up and are the Belchertown school system. I now find it necessary and difficult, very difficult, to leave Belchertown to return to my semi-retired life. But, I do so knowing that Belchertown is very lucky to have secured the services of a fine person and demonstrated effective administrator, Mrs. Karol Coffin. She and Belchertown will do well ...

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Robert F. Gazda,
Interim Superintendent of School

Student Support Services: The year started off with our English Language Learner (ELL) students participating for a second year in the "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS)" testing. This assessment was given to students identified as ELLs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Our students worked diligently on this assessment and the data obtained has helped the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated.

The second round of progress reports from the Mid-Cycle Review were submitted and accepted by the Program Quality Assurance (PQA) branch of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary

and Secondary Education by February 28, 2014, to ensure full resolution and continued implementation of the changes made based on the district's findings with the Coordinated Program Review.

The addition of the 5th day of school at the preschool level provided an added day of structure and academics for our youngest students, offering preschool screening days for students ages 3-5, and moving the Kindergarten Screening to the beginning of the school year so that teachers have an up-to-date picture of their students' abilities and areas of need.

The Student Support Services Department has seen an administrative change during the latter half of 2014. After the previous Director of Student

Support Services, Ms. Kristi Guzzo, took a position in another district, I was appointed as the Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services. I was a special education teacher for 10 years and an assistant principal, K-8, for two years in the Holyoke Public School System. For the past 9 years I have been an administrator for the Belchertown Public Schools. I hold a Master's degree in Special Education and a second Master's degree in Educational Administration. I am honored to have the opportunity to continue my career in the Belchertown School System as the Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services.

We have also welcomed Shelley Eldridge as Speech Language Pathologist Assistant at Chestnut Hill Community School, Timothy Welch as the district's Board Certified Behavioral Analyst, and Kelly Mosher as a Special Education Team Leader Coordinator. We currently have three Special Education Team Leader Coordinators whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, working with the school community to build a learning climate that allows all students to meet their highest learning potential. The Special Education Team Leader Coordinator shall work to establish and maintain consistent procedures to meet requirements of Special Education Laws and Regulations. The Special Education Team Leader Coordinator will also chair initial, annual, and re-evaluation meetings for students and will develop and write initial and three-year IEPs.

The Department of Student Support Services continues to include English Language Learner instruction for students who do not speak English as their first language, Section 504 plans for instructional supports and accommodations in the general education classroom for students with identified disabilities, transportation for homeless students through the McKinney-Vento Act, and Home/Hospital services for students with significant medical diagnoses preventing them from attending school. Basically, the Student Support Services Department does exactly what the name suggests, which is to provide support services for our students.

Finally, the Student Support Services Department has been working hard to improve and increase communication with families and community members. I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with parents, community

members and with the Parent Advisory Council to continue working collaboratively towards improving the best education for all students.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent
and Director of Student Support Services

Cold Spring School (CSS) Principal's Report:

Cold Spring School continued to thrive during the 2014 school year. School Council members were very pleased with how many goals and objectives were accomplished as outlined in the school improvement plan. Most notable, were the infusion of technology into the classrooms and the expansion of the PeaceBuilders social competency curriculum. Participants on the Cold Spring School Council who advocated for and supported these initiatives were: Dr. Andrea Gancarz, Co-Chair, Parent Representative; Christopher Ronkese, Parent Representative; Sandra Bremer, Co-Chair, Administration; Louise Butler, Community Representative; Mary Dulchinos, Teacher Representative; and Catherine Wesloski, Teacher Representative.

The faculty and staff at Cold Spring School's early childhood center received professional development training in the area of assessment prior to the start of the school year. They are participating in the state's new performance based on-line data collection project entitled Massachusetts Kindergarten Early Assessment (MKEA). This will provide them with an evaluation system that focuses on observation, collecting evidence and assessing children across seven different domains of growth and development. This comprehensive data collection program provides educators with a more holistic view of their students' growth, development, progress and achievement so that the collected data can then be used to inform their instruction and provide a more individualized approach to educating and developing each child in accordance with their particular strengths and areas of interest.

A quality full day kindergarten grant was authored by Principal Sandra Bremer, and awarded to Cold Spring School. The focus of the grant is to provide a quality full day kindergarten program that fosters smooth transitions by emphasizing kindergarten "readiness". This was achieved by working collaboratively with local preschools, daycare providers and community organizations. Cold Spring School faculty and administration met with various liaisons to share curriculum, instructional

practices and worked collectively to ease the transition from preschool to kindergarten. Partnerships were formed at many levels and the school was able to establish an excellent working relationship with Valley Human Services and the Behavioral Health Network.

We said goodbye to one of our outstanding teachers, Marianne Bodzinski, at the end of the school year. She was a graduate of Belchertown High School and served our school district for 35 years. She will be dearly missed and we wish her well in her retirement. We know she will come back to visit and participate in some of our special programs because that is what all of our retired friends do. They just can't stay away for long. Cold Spring School is truly a very special place and many of our students come back to thank us for giving them such a wonderful start to their educational passage through the Belchertown Public School system.

Cold Spring School is fortunate to be able to provide many enrichment activities for the students. This is largely due to its extensive Volunteer Program, the Foster Grandparent Program as well as the active PTO (CSSRE) which supports many educational materials, resources and programs to extend the students' learning experiences. The 2014 PTO officers that should be commended and acknowledged are: MaryBeth DiNapoli, Co-President; Samantha Adamson, Co-President; Rebecca David, Treasurer; and Sarah Courchesne, Secretary. We are grateful and appreciative to be able to work together with all of the above mentioned groups and programs to afford an exceptional developmentally appropriate education for our youngest learners. One hundred and sixty-five kindergartners were promoted to Swift River Elementary School in June of 2014. We take pride in providing our students with a solid foundation and strive to instill in them a love for learning as they begin their educational journey.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Sandra Bremer, Principal
Cold Spring School

Swift River Elementary School (SRE)
Principal's Report: The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2014 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue

to focus on increasing student achievement through improving assessment and instruction with scientifically based researched programs and differentiated instructional practices to meet the needs of all students with on-going professional development. As a school, we strive to meet the diverse needs of our students and prepare them with the foundation for College and Career Readiness in the 21st Century. The total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two and three is 521 students.

We had to say a heart-felt goodbye to one of our second grade teachers, Margaret Money, who retired after a total of 20 years of service to the Belchertown School System. Her compassion for students was unmatched and was well respected by her colleagues. We wish Mrs. Money many years of happiness in her retirement. As a result of the FY15 budget cuts we offered 24 School Choice seats to address declining enrollment district-wide and generate revenue to help offset the budget shortfall, but will not see the benefit until the subsequent budget year. Despite our efforts to preserve all instructional positions at our current level, we were unable to replace our retiring teacher which led to increasing the class size at grade 2 from 20 to 25 students.

We continue to make great improvement in the area of technology. We provide professional development opportunities to all staff through our IT department to advance our understanding and usage to meet our School Improvement Plan initiatives. Our school based instructional technologist continues to provide in-house training, trouble shooting and speeding up responses to questions, and offering 1:1 help and professional development on a variety of topics. Over the past school year we have received equipment in the form of interactive teaching technologies such as interactive projectors, mimeo vote, laptop computers, document cameras, writing tablets and other software related programs. We have forwarded our use of technology to online software for students that have 24/7 access to information in math, social studies, biographies, science, and English Language Arts. All staff has been provided with the technology basics with a white board, interactive projector and a laptop with the addition of wireless internet throughout the building. There is on-going training provided by the district to enhance the usage of this equipment within their classrooms to give students the opportunity to access the best and most current information on subject matter.

In addition, we have a new computer lab within the Library which is accessible to all students in grades 1, 2 and 3. Over the summer of 2014 the computer lab was completely overhauled switching from our current laptops to desktop computers with state of the art computer tables and a reconfigured lab design to offer better delivery of instruction to all the students. We have 3 mini-computer lab stations within classrooms to enhance the availability and access online resources to incorporate student learning software programs. We have also added 4 to 5 Apple iPads in every first grade classroom and are working on more mini-computer lab stations in all second grade classrooms. PowerSchool continues to drive our student management system for the district to keep accurate and up-to-date information. We will continue to explore other modules to better service our school community.

We are continuing our refinement to our newly adopted math series by McGraw-Hill "My Math", which aligns to the common core standards. This change has also added technology components to our approach to math which gives the ability to differentiate materials through re-teaching resources and enrichment activities.

We are continuing our efforts this year with the PeaceBuilders program in order to support students in solving problems peacefully and in building community. Every year we develop a full year plan providing themes and activities both for the classroom and to encourage family participation at home. At Swift River we say the PeaceBuilders pledge daily in which students pledge to praise people, give up put downs, seek wise people, to notice hurts, to right wrongs, and to help others both in school and in their community. Annually in the fall, the entire student population at SRE participates in a Peace Rally which involves singing, reciting poems, cooperative pledges, all of which are focused on understanding how important it is to build a peaceful community. A new addition to our peace builders program is the introduction of the "Buddy Bench". The purpose of the Buddy Bench is to provide a place during recess for a child to sit when he or she needs a playmate or friend and provide a safe zone for students to meet new friends to play with.

In the spring of last school year to the fall this school year we were very excited to focus on writing as a building-wide initiative using the Writer's Workshop model. This is an extensive approach to writing that introduces students to a

variety of genres using mentor books to model examples of such genres as Personal Memoirs, Procedural Writing (How To), Biographies, Traditional Literature, Persuasive Writing, Informational Text, Realistic Fiction, Narrative (non-fiction) Writing and Poetry. Students are taught the craft skills within each genre and then based on analysis of the student work, mini-lessons are developed to broaden and deepen their understanding. Our entire staff is involved in the writer's workshop model process including regular education teachers, special education teachers, reading specialists, Title 1, ELL teachers, Librarian (Media Specialist) and administration. Since writing and reading skills are complementary to one another, implementing this model will enrich our overall reading achievement.

Programs that continue to be a vital part of our school environment are the Savings Bank program for all grade levels. This program instills a sense of responsibility within our students and helps connect academics to real world experiences. In the spring of 2014 we offered a parent workshop on new concepts and approaches to our current math curriculum and offered practice in a fun and interactive way. In addition, we conducted a series of workshops, offered by the guidance department designed to provide resources to parents on a variety of topics. These workshops are supported by our PTO's partnership by offering craft nights and movie nights for students while their parent(s) participate in the workshop. We have updated our Family Resource Center located at the front entrance to the building to offer current information with helpful brochures and contact information that is easily accessible to parents.

Over the summer of 2014, the instructional schedule was reconfigured based on the expressed desires of the classroom teachers, Special Education teachers and the Title 1 teachers. As a result, the instructional minutes were increased at each grade level in Reading and Math. Additionally, there are now dedicated instructional minutes each day in Writer's Workshop and in Science/Social Studies. The Tiered Instruction Model for academics is now being addressed across all content areas. By absorbing the 30 minutes of the Intervention Block into the daily scheduling, students are now receiving the interventions within each content area to remediate, reinforce and/or enrich skill development based on their identified needs. Teachers are consistently assessing and analyzing the results of those assessments to identify the

instructional needs of every student. This is done through Unit Assessments in Math, DIBELS Assessments in Reading, and Benchmark Assessments in Title 1 for Reading, and Writer's Workshop Rubrics.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2014 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Susan Stebbins, teacher representative; Jennifer Torna, parent representative; Anna Marques, parent representative and Dr. Andrea Gancarz as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Robert Kuhn, Principal
Swift River Elementary School

Intermediate School (CHCS) Principal's Report: The learning community at Chestnut Hill Community School continues to make progress towards achieving the goals of our School Improvement Plan.

As stated in our School Improvement Plan, Chestnut Hill Community School is dedicated to providing a safe and drug free environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts of all individuals to reach their personal best, preparing them to become lifelong learners. This philosophy is best achieved through a supportive partnership of students, parents, staff and community.

We have implemented the Belchertown Public School curriculum plan, differentiated our instructional practices, and provided access to technology. Ensuring all students understand "respect for all" has nearly been accomplished and continues to be addressed. Our educators have participated in targeted professional development including Readers Workshop Training, and Development of Understanding by Design Instructional Units (UbD), as well as a wide selection of offerings at the BPS Ed-camp.

Educators have developed Understanding by Design (UbD) units and have incorporated these into their instruction. In addition, as a result of data

analysis, research and educator feedback, CHCS has formed instructional teams and refined our academic instructional blocks which will provide students with multiple opportunities for learning during targeted instructional blocks. In each classroom, teachers and students have access to smart technology and a new series for mathematics instruction was implemented. During the 2013-2014 school year we are piloting programs for writing instruction. Chestnut Hill Community has continued to use MCAS data and DIBELS assessments results to inform our instructional practices in order continue to improve student outcomes.

During the winter of 2014, Chestnut Hill Community School welcomed a new talented educator, Matthew Gaspar, Visual Arts Teacher, to our existing faculty. Other faculty changes included Mrs. Suzanne Dudley, grade 5 teacher, and Ms. Pamela Hussey, grade 4 teacher, who both retired in 2014.

Chestnut Hill Community School continues to be actively involved with its very successful student savings bank program at all grade levels. The banking program was designed to help students learn the value of saving money.

Other factors that contribute significantly to an outstanding 2014 year were the general efforts and contributions gained from our Parent/Citizen Volunteer Program, Grandparent Program and our Parent/Teacher Organization that encompassed all grade levels. Many dedicated and hardworking faculty and students took part in productions/field trips such as the Holiday Concert, The Veterans' Day Concert, Dare Graduation, Nature's Classroom, Jessica's Boundless Playground and the University of Massachusetts Multi-band Concert.

All accomplishments of Chestnut Hill Community School were successful as a result of the collaborative approach from the individual and collective efforts of parents, guardians, faculty, staff, students, citizens, and administration. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who helped to make 2014 an exceptional year!

Respectfully yours,
Paula Fitzgerald, Principal
Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS)

Principal's Report: Our school building at 62 N. Washington Street has now provided educational services to our community for over 50 years. The building has endured many changes over that time, originally built and designed as a junior/senior high school, to a high school, to then be re-opened to serve grades 7 & 8 as Jabish Brook Middle School for the past ten years. I have had the unique pleasure to share this latest chapter with the school as Principal for those same ten years. We have experienced much together during that time, and have made incremental changes to provide a supportive educational environment to our students and our community.

MCAS testing results at the middle school level continue to show that JBMS students compare favorably with students throughout the state. It remains a challenge at the middle school level, however, to have all students successfully meet proficiency ratings in all areas. To meet the goal of responding to the needs of every child, the faculty at Jabish Brook Middle School continues to implement the team teaching model to review individual student progress, including formal and informal assessments on student achievement.

The middle school has also been able to combine our strong academic expectations with community events, to foster the social and emotional growth of our students to meet our educational goals. Events such as the Belchertown Fair, middle school dances, food and toy drives, our winter semi-formal dance, field trips, dress up spirit weeks, etc., are all designed to help enrich the educational experience. Through the cooperative efforts of students, parents, an active Parent-Teacher Organization, fundraisers continue to be conducted to sponsor student participation in these events.

The JBMS After-School Program began in the fall of 2014 under a fee-based system for our Running Club and Ski Club, and has required the faculty and staff to conduct fundraising events in order to provide our homework club and 8th hour extended day programming to students needing academic supports. Our first ever 5K Road Race, coordinated by Mrs. Stacy Monette, Assistant Principal, provided the funding necessary to run our fall session. My sincere thanks go to her and to all our staff for participating in multiple fundraising events to insure that limited programming may continue for the benefit of our students.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO, Student Council and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of middle school students. It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment. We look forward to the integration of the new PARCC assessment model, piloting our first comprehensive assessment in the spring of 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Thomas Ruscio, Principal
Jabish Brook Middle School

High School (BHS) Principal's Report: 2014 was a unique and typical year for the Belchertown High School Community. It was unique in each of the special and specific academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular achievements and milestones reached. It was typical in that such achievements and accolades have become an expected part of the incredible culture at BHS. Belchertown High School continued to bring great pride and honor to the larger community of Belchertown with teaching and learning that is most impressive once again in 2014.

In the early hours of January 17th, Belchertown High School hosted Channel 40 and Honor Roll Live. Faculty, staff, and students began arriving at BHS at 4:30am to welcome Channel 40. Several groups and organizations were featured throughout the live segment – our band, our choir, Student Council, Buddies, SADD, our athletic teams, National Art Honor Society, Project Runway participants. A great time was had by all who attended. The event can be seen at <http://www.wggb.com/2014/01/17/friday-on-abc40-honor-roll-live-belchertown-high/>

In February, Ms. Teixeira, Ms. St. Pierre, Helen Austin and the National Art Honor Society organized Project Runway. Danielle Fretwell, Brandon Ryan, and Tyra Dixon earned respective first, second, and third place awards.

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Claire Nauman as an award recipient for 2014. A delicious dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Claire and her family

and other western Massachusetts recipients. Claire is an outstanding young woman who certainly made a difference during her time at Belchertown High School. Claire's contributions to our academic program, our music program, and our athletic program were significant. Claire Nauman continues to represent Belchertown in a positive manner as a member of the Class of 2018 at Notre Dame.

In March, the annual Volleyball Lock-In was enjoyed by 274 students who were "locked in" the gym from 10pm Friday night to 5am Saturday morning. Alyssa Maggi and Student Council organized this very successful event. Special thanks to our chaperones – Mr. Koziol, Ms. Tupek, Mr. Landrio, Mr. Howell, Ms. St. Pierre, Mr. and Mrs. Alibozek, Ms. Deb Avery, Mr. Larry Belbin, Mr. Josh Bonetti, Mr. Jon Boudreau, Mr. and Mrs. Brozek, Mr. Allan Cangelosi, Ms. Kristen Connolly, Ms. Melanie Dodge, Ms. Nicole Dufresne, Ms. Misha Flanery, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Brad Griffin, Mr. Ed Griffin, Ms. Kiera Krzcuik, Ms. Tracy Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Maggi, Ms. Melanie Maggi, Mr. Paul McGrath, Mr. Lucien Rousseau, Mr. Cam Savoie, Mr. Matthew Thornton, Ms. Christine Vigneux, Ms. Lynn White, Ms. Ashley Ziemba

In May, Ms. Louise Levy and Ms. Rachel Goldenberg were awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Ms. Levy and Ms. Goldenberg were certainly most deserving of this award given their outstanding work as science teachers.

On Sunday, June 8th, the Class of 2014 graduated 195 students from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Ms. Jo Ann Cibelli, long time math teacher delivered the commencement address. Other speeches were given by Ms. Claire Nauman, valedictorian of the class, Mr. Drew Lindholm, salutatorian of the class, and Mr. Joel Haver, president of the class. Over \$74,000 in scholarships were presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The

awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

On Wednesday, August 27th, 706 students and 110 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. The Belchertown High School Community welcomed new staff: Ms. Chelsea Reynolds – Math Department, Dr. Andrew Meade – Science Department, Mr. Drew Smith – Science Department, Ms. Laura Lucarelle-Guidance Department, Dr. Brian Messier – Music Department, Ms. Katharine Faron – English Department, Mr. Kevin Dimitropolis – Head Night Custodian, Ms. Ann Banas – Paraprofessional, Ms. Marion Bronner – Paraprofessional.

During the convocation ceremony, students were provided with advice from three movies. Kevin McAllister, the main character of *Home Alone* delivered one of his most memorable lines as the Wet Bandits are plotting to break-in. He says to himself, "This is my house...I have to defend it!" Students were told while the plot of the film is certainly far-fetched, that sentiment was not. Students were reminded to think about the level of ownership, pride, commitment, and love such a statement embodies. Students were told they would do well to remember that spirit as they think of their roles at BHS. In many ways, they were told, BHS is their house and it is up to each of them to take pride in that and live it in each moment.

Students were told that when they talk about the movie *Frozen*, they talk about the song "Let it Go." Students were asked to think about all that could mean. When they get frazzled or frustrated....let it go. When they have a chance to give something their all....let all their energy go into that. When someone has wronged them and they have a chance to forgive and forget....let it go.

Students were also reminded that near the conclusion of *The Lego Movie*, protagonist Emmett finds himself with only one last chance to defeat the menacing Lord Business. That chance rests in something he calls "the power of the Special." Emmett turns to Lord Business and says, "Look at all the things that people built. You might see a mess. But what I see are people inspired by each other, and by you. People take things from

what you have made and are making something new out of it. You don't have to be the bad guy. You are the most talented, most interesting, and most extraordinary person in the universe. And you are capable of amazing things...because you are the Special. And so am I. And so is everyone." Students were told that they were an audience of Specials. Every one of the students was told that they had something unique and wonderful to share with the BHS community. Students were told to share it because Belchertown High School needs them and they have the power to make this a very special school year.

From this opening convocation, faculty, staff and students were inspired to take pride in where they are from, to remember when to let it go, and to embrace their role as the Special. These words of wisdom have definitely been taken to heart because during August, September, October, November, and December all members of the BHS community have demonstrated such pride in themselves and their community by really making a difference in so many special ways!

In October, members of the Class of 2015 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients by Dr. Gazda. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to our scholars on this outstanding achievement – Elizabeth Amato, Joseph Auclair, Lynn Barszcz, Britnay Beaudry, Leanna Bonafini, Bailey Boudreau, Joseph Brozek, Michael DeBarge, Richard Del Valle, Vanesse Della Torre, Kaylie Dubois, Hannah Flink, Kyle Gadoury, Erika Graves, Brooke Griswold, Helen Hale, Connor Hughes, Richard Kim, Ian Kozlik, Jason Krasinkiewicz, Andrew Lamontagne, Kannah Landford, Alice Langlois, Patryk Lasiuk, Kate Lassiter, John Lebrun, Trent Lenkarski, Katarina Lowe, Julia Maloof, Julia Mazza, Kristin Miller-Nelson, Sienna Nielsen, Sara Nobes, Kathryn O'Leary, Christina Pellerin, Kristen Pietras, Madison Pirrone, Noa Pisani, Emily Pope,

Kathleen Royal, Samantha Runshaw, Krysta Sbriscia, Eric Schliemann, Tea Spellacy, Ryan Stinson, Jaclyn Symiakakis, Samantha Synan, Agnieszka Wieczorek, Emily Woodford, Sage Workman, Mackenzie Yelle, Jessica Zalucki.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Friday, November 9th. Belchertown High School Dean of Students/Director of Athletics, Mr. Douglas Daponde, posted the colors. Major Keith Poulin was the guest speaker. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz, Student Council, and Madeleine Hamparian for organizing the Veterans' Day Assembly. Thanks also to Dr. Messier, Ms. Comstock, the Symphony Band, the Choir, Joseph Brozek and Nathan Rothwell for their musical contributions.

In December, the National Art Honor Society, Student Council, Symphony Band, and Concert Choir welcomed seventy-three senior citizens to the high school. The seniors and our students enjoyed sharing a morning of music, merriment, and munchies!

In closing, all of our students have contributed so much to the success we experienced at 142 Springfield Road in 2014 through their achievements in their academics, their talent in athletics and music, and their participation in co-curricular activities. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding students in our community. With these wonderful students and our caring educators and support personnel, we are living a mission of academic excellence and responsible citizenship daily at Belchertown High School. We are very grateful to our Interim Superintendent, Dr. Robert Gazda, our School Committee, and the greater community for all they do for us. All of us at Belchertown High School will continue to provide a quality education for all of our students in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Christine Vigneux, Principal
Belchertown High School

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. In the November 2014 state elections, incumbents Michael Cavanaugh (Palmer), Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown), Julie Quink (Hardwick), M. Barbara Ray (Ware) and William Johnson (Granby) were re-elected. Voters also chose Kathleen Barrett (Monson) and Shane Stafford (New Braintree), replacing Andrew Jaffee and Stacie Pride, respectively, both of whom retired from the committee. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. Lorraine F. Alves will continue to serve as secretary. Ashley Boudreau is the new student representative.

CURRICULUM: Pathfinder students have continued to work diligently on the MCAS achievement tests. The percentage of Pathfinder students scoring in the advanced and proficient range in all 3 areas is encouraging. The percentage of students scoring in the advanced and proficient range in 2013 in English is 82% which is well above the state average of 69%. Fifty-nine percent of our students scored proficient or higher in Mathematics which falls slightly below the states average of 60%. Students' science scores were above the state average of 55% in 2013, with a combined score of 57% in the advanced and proficient categories. Although students made progress in all of these areas the school was unable to make sufficient improvement in the subgroups, resulting in the school's not making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all four student subgroups (Aggregate and Special Populations for both English and Math). The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has designated Pathfinder as a "Level 3" School.

Progress continues to be made to increase the rigor in academic offerings for students. Honors level courses were added in all core academic areas in ninth grade programs. In addition to the honors programs, on-line learning has been introduced to provide additional academic offerings to ensure students' continued academic success.

Progress has been made in vocational programs as well. All fifteen vocational areas have newly adopted the most recent state frameworks. Pathfinder continues to review all areas of curriculum for the staff and to provide professional development opportunities to ensure they remain current in all areas of instruction.

An integral part of the vocational experience is participation in *Skills USA*, a program of student competition at the local, state, and national levels. Pathfinder students experienced extraordinary success, winning 19 gold medals, 16 silver medals, and 8 bronze medals in the western Massachusetts District finals. Gold medalists went on to compete at the state level where they won three gold medals, one silver medal, and one bronze medal. The three gold medalists and their instructors made the trip to Kansas City where the students competed on the national stage.

SELECTED MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Collision Repair Technology:

- Palmer Police Department: Students completed the refinishing of a Military Humvee to traditional black and white police colors. This involved refinishing the metal body and the fabric doors. This was the second Humvee completed for the Town of Palmer.

Machine Technology:

- Students machined several cribbage boards as donations to fundraisers for non-profit organizations. The students also machined several clocks and a war memorial plaque. Recipients included: Palmer Public Library; Top Floor Learning, Palmer; Machine Technology Poker Run, Pathfinder; Pathfinder Car Show (Skills USA); Palmer War Memorial (cannon plaque), Palmer.

Cosmetology:

- Cosmetology students continued their annual visits to area Senior Centers during which they provide "Spa Days" for seniors. The services they offer include manicures, pedicures, facials, and hair styles. Currently the cosmetology students provide these services in Palmer, Ware, Monson and Belchertown.

Carpentry:

- Work continued on a reception/entrance area for the new Granby Library.
- A sign was created for the Old Brick Schoolhouse in Oakham.

Automotive Reconditioning:

- Auto Reconditioning students provided services for police, highway, fire and water districts.

Electrical:

- Granby Police Department: The Sally Port was completed with power, lighting, security system and fire systems.
- Three Rivers Fire Department: Removed an obsolete siren compressor and relocated a new compressor

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM: Eleven (11) students participated in the school's Cooperative Education Program which provides opportunities for paid, career-related jobs *in lieu of* attending their vocational classes. In this real work environment, the students enhanced their technical skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance with their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. Co-op continues to be an excellent pathway to full-time employment.

Student placement has seen an improvement as the economy slowly recovers. The school is committed to providing students with this invaluable opportunity and intends to work closely with area businesses to expand the program.

STUDENT BODY: Pathfinder's enrollment as of October 1, 2014 totaled 620 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 89; Granby 17; Hardwick 25; Monson 108; New Braintree 11; Oakham 14; Palmer 160; Ware 107; and Warren 44. The remaining students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from Ludlow (21). The 620 figure on October 1st represents an increase of 8 students overall from the number reported on October 1, 2013.

In order to better meet students' needs and to more effectively accommodate parents, the Special Education and Guidance Department have been combined under a Pupil Personnel Director.

The Pupil Services Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—once again received far more applications for the 180 ninth grade openings than the school could accommodate. Transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were also very limited. Consequently, the school experienced another year of waiting lists for each grade.

Parents of students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. In early October guidance counselors were invited to attend a breakfast meeting designed specifically to update them about the admissions policies and procedures. In October and November, Pathfinder's guidance counselors visited the 8th graders in member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. In late November, an evening Open House event was held for 5th-8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest.

In addition to the fall events, each winter 8th graders who are interested are invited to participate in a field trip with their school counselor to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. This year a larger number of students participated in these tours than the previous year. Many attendees acknowledged that they had participated in the summer Youth Enrichment Program, an attractive opportunity for large numbers of enthusiastic prospective students. For students and parents with Internet access, a copy of the application can be downloaded and printed.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

At the twenty-eighth Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA) the Alexandria Avery, daughter of Darlene and Wayne Avery of Belchertown was Pathfinder's honoree. Alexandria is an exceptional student in the Cosmetology program. She is a remarkable young woman with an unwavering work ethic. Alexandria is the top student in her class and has earned a cumulative G.P.A of 4.29. She has received a myriad of academic and technical awards for excellence and outstanding achievement throughout her high school career. She is a two-year member of the National Technical Honor Society, and particularly excels in and enjoys math and English, earning a 99 in Honors Statistics and a 95 in Honors English for the first grading term of her senior year. Outside of the classroom,

Alexandria holds the position of Class Secretary, and balances her after school hours giving her time to the peer tutoring program, leading the Pathfinder Cheerleading Team as their Captain and managing the Pathfinder Baseball Team on top of putting in many hours a week working a part time job. Alexandria plans to open her own salon, and will be furthering her education after Pathfinder at Rob Roy Academy, followed by majoring in entrepreneurship at Holyoke Community College.

In June 2014, the graduating class of 140 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Graduates received 66 awards totaling \$24,800 during the ceremony. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

PUPIL SERVICES: Nicole Heroux serves as the Director of Pupil Services. Pupil Services is comprised of both the Special Education and Guidance Departments. The school committee approved this position on a trial bases and agreed to continue to support the change.

Mrs. Heroux and her staff are currently in the process of evaluating all current programs and services in preparation for a Coordinated Review that will occur in April of 2015. In this visit, state officials will review Special Education, English Language Learners, and Civil Rights. The goal of Pupil Services is to demonstrate its responsibility to provide a continuum of services for all students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department continues to be committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated. The guidance staff is working on revising our College and Career readiness for our students' best interests when it comes to their emotional and educational well-being.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of *all* learners in grades 9-12. Through continued integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency. All students admitted to Pathfinder are expected to fulfill the same requirements to receive a high school diploma as in local town high schools, and all students must have access to all academic and vocational programs. The staff at Pathfinder continues to work to develop an appropriate education for the students who were previously in the MVIP program to insure their success at the school.

Team chairpersons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for over one sixty five (165) special needs students. The Pupil Services Department continued to be responsible for approximately fifty (50) students who have 504 Accommodation Plans. Section 504 is a federal civil rights law which requires the provision of reasonable accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

The Department includes fifteen (15) academic professionally licensed instructors, 3 guidance counselors, eight (8) paraprofessionals, and three full-time secretaries. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, a School Adjustment Counselor, and a full-time School Psychologist.

Work continued on the collaboration between special and general educators.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Plans for the New York trip started as early as November last year for a trip that Pathfinder had never tried to accomplish in the past. Students worked together to plan the trip themselves by finding out school rules pertaining to field trips, getting estimates for things like buses and theater tickets, and also making a plan for this enormous undertaking of a day trip. Students had to raise the \$2,000 that the trip cost themselves by having multiple dances, participating in a staff supported senior initiative, and making a donors choose website. Students also took the initiative to do some public speaking in front of the Pathfinder School Committee to explain their motives for planning this trip and get a vote on approval to travel out of state. In April, the students enjoyed the sights and sounds of New York City by starting of their day in Rockefeller Center, going shopping to some of New York's famous stores such as Toys R' Us with the giant Ferris wheel and the NBC store, took in a performance of the 10th anniversary of *Wicked*, and then had dinner

at the famous Bill's Burgers in Rockefeller Center. This year the trip is in progress to return to New York in the spring with 20 more students to see the Broadway Musical *Aladdin*. Fundraising for the trip is currently in progress.

This year 22 students participated in the FFA State Convention held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. They participated in Floriculture, Team and Single Demonstrations, Job Interview and Science Project. They also competed in Safe Equipment/Tractor Operation, Forestry, and Turf Management, and Arbor skills throughout the school year. First place was won in the Science Project and Team Demonstration and third place was won in Forestry. There were approximately 12-15 schools attending the convention. Attendance at this event was supported by Yankee Candle Sales, Little Caesar's Pizza Kit sales, and the cordwood raffle. Other Career Development Events were held at Vocational High Schools throughout Massachusetts. Pathfinder boasts 100% FFA membership, including students in all four grades. Students are currently contemplating attending the National Convention this year.

Under the direction of artist in residence Denise Fontaine-Pincince, and English teacher Catherine Yurkunas, the sophomore class at Pathfinder experienced *Art with Poetry* throughout the month of February. Funded by the Pathfinder Regional High School and Palmer Cultural Council, the project was displayed in March at the Palmer Public Library and later came to Pathfinder in April. It also drew the attention of the *Palmer Journal Register*, sparking articles with pictures of the creations by students.

Food For Thought was a presentation by the Health Shop Seniors containing topics that ranged from the six basic nutrients to healthy versus unhealthy choices and how to read and understand food labels. All of the research and organization was completed by the Health Shop Seniors. The students had hopes that this presentation would be beneficial and interesting for all and might eventually help some people make better dietary choices. Many students and staff attended the presentation as well as *News 40*.

The first of three blood drives was held in October; 47 donors registered. After deferrals, 7 units of red cells and 35 pints of whole blood were donated for a grand total of 42 pints of blood. Since each pint of blood may help save the lives of up to 3 people, potentially 126 patients were helped!

The school's first annual Craft Fair was held last year. It featured over 35 vendors and various forms of crafts from the surrounding local area, filling not only the gym but the cafeteria as well. This year the Junior Class has taken on the task of sponsoring this much anticipated event with their advisors Mrs. Rugg and Mr. Robertson

The Breakfast with Santa was held on December 14th, 2014. Children were able to meet with Santa and tell him their wishes as well as enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast served up by students, staff, and administration.

The Student Council ran a very successful Thanksgiving food drive this year. The donations were as follows: 43 Turkeys and 1822 boxed/canned goods.

ATHLETICS: Participation numbers remained consistent with approximately 185 students taking part in our athletic programs. The co-op programs in wrestling and swimming with Ware and Palmer High Schools continued. Of note was the large increase in freshmen participation in football and cheerleading.

In 2014 the varsity girls' soccer, basketball, and softball teams qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament. The varsity softball team won the Tri-County League title. The varsity girls' basketball team were co-champions of the Tri-County North League. The varsity softball team won the State Vocational Championship and finished as runners up in the D-3 Western Mass Tournament.

The boys' varsity baseball team won the State Vocational Championship and qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.

Mike Krzynowek and Jenna Maska were named the outstanding male and female athletes for 2014.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS

Program Name	Amount	Application
Title 1	\$122,982	Retain HQ Title 1 ELA instructor; purchase 2 Smart Boards
Title 2	\$21,684	Retaining HQ students professional development; Math CVTE Trainings; Partial SPED teacher salary
CIC Grant	\$13,604	Navigate Cloud Based Security System; “Tough” Books for Fire, Police
SPED	\$221,902	Hire 4 aides; Inclusion Model Instructor; Supplies, E-SPED; half salary for on-site School Psychologist.
Perkins	\$98,809	Worcester State in-house 3 Credit Course; MAVA/ ACTE participation; Smart Boards for Cosmetology and Web Design; retrofitted 3 Academic Smart Boards, 4 Auto Simulator trainers; 2 Electronic Hospital Beds; Dashboard mobile electronics simulator for Electronics
Vocational Challenge Grant	\$21,000	Hydroponics Project
Academic Support	\$17,400	Supported 4 week (48 Contact Hours) Project Based MCAS Math Prep summer program
WIA Program	\$43,504	Supported 5 weeks, @25 hrs. per week summer work for 24 participants; 2 Year-round part-time jobs.
WIA Bonus Program	\$5,200	Provided quarterly bonuses of \$75-100 for WIA participants meeting Pathfinder criteria (grades, attendance)
WIA Support Services	\$250	Paid for students’ Cosmetology licensure.
DSAC Grants	\$8,901	DSAC supported trainings

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The Summer Youth Enrichment Program included over 120 participants between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for three one-week sessions between July 7th and July 25th. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: Automotive Technology, Machine Technology, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Environmental Explorers, Photography & Web Design, Rocket Science, Vex Robotics, Bake Shop, and Culinary Arts. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning with sports, games, or crafts in the afternoon.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Programs has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder offered an online summer school program designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July for four weeks, it had to be extended to five weeks due to students not completing their assignments on time. The vocational related courses ran in August, Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance was required for completing the program. Seventy-six students enrolled in academics, and four in vocational course work. A combined summer school course enrollment was 79 from 16 school districts.

FACULTY AND STAFF: Currently the Pathfinder staff consists of 43 vocational teachers, 26.5 academic teachers, 1 part-time Athletic Trainer, 9 special education teachers, 3 counselors, a psychologist, a library-media specialist, a speech & language pathologist, a behavioral specialist, and 9 paraprofessionals. The school is managed by a group of 8 professional administrators as well as a full-time grants coordinator.

In June, the school said farewell to retirees Alex Monte and Anne Milkowski and in November, to Judith Mercier and Jayne Lane.

New Hires included Susan Lynch (Reading), Cody Hancock (Social Studies Inclusion), Cynthia Rubin (Cosmetology), Lisa Fuller (Speech & Language Pathologist). Justin Senecal (Physical Education) joined the staff in November, and Yvonne Jianaces (Paraprofessional) in December.

Internal staff promotions included Timothy Moriarty as Academic Director, Eric Duda as Vocational Director and Valerie Kowalik as Receptionist.

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member

of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of two Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators.

BUDGET AND FINANCE: The school committee adopted a FY15 budget of \$13,151,619, representing a 0.34% decrease over FY14. For the two previous fiscal years of FY13 and FY14, Pathfinder had budget increases of 2.61% and 2.97% respectively. All nine District member communities subsequently approved their assessments in the spring of 2014. Consequently, the FY15 budget was approved pursuant to the regional school budget statute.

While the Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Rate is historically unpredictable, the last five years of reimbursements have been in the range of 55% - 65%. Included in the FY15 approved State Budget, the Transportation Reimbursement Rate was increased to 90 % which would have begun to offset years of stagnant Local Aid contributions. Unfortunately, Governor Patrick invoked "9C" budget cuts in FY15 that reduced the Transportation Reimbursement Rate to past levels. Therefore, Pathfinder anticipates an FY16 Transportation Reimbursement Rate in the 55%-65% range once again.

Historically, Pathfinder has generated substantial annual revenue from the enrollment of out of non-resident tuition students (once all eligible member town applicants have been accepted). These revenues have been used to subsidize the annual operating budgets and reduce member community assessments. Since FY11, non-resident student enrollments have dropped, leading to decreased annual revenues. In FY11, non-resident tuition accounted for nearly \$900,000.00 in annual revenue. In the current FY15 school year, non-resident tuition will account for approximately \$475,000.00 in revenue. In an effort to limit the impact of the decrease in this revenue source, Pathfinder (over the last few years) has reduced staff, combined multiple positions into one, renegotiated health insurance benefits in addition to implementing many other cost saving measures.

As in past years, Chapter 70 Aid from the Commonwealth continues to be a concern for the upcoming FY16 school year. In FY14, Pathfinder's enrollment decreased by nearly 45 students to approximately 570 students. During the current fiscal year, Pathfinder's total enrollment has increased back to previous levels of approximately 615 students. Therefore, we expect Chapter 70 School Aid to be relatively unchanged in FY16.

In conclusion, when we combine the cuts in and unpredictability of of Regional Transportation Aid and Chapter 70 Aid with decreases in non-resident tuition revenue, Pathfinder's budgetary future will be challenging. With this in mind, Pathfinder is committed to continuously reviewing operations and procedures to gain efficiencies and reduce costs. It has been, and will continue to be, Pathfinder's goal to provide a challenging and rigorous academic and technical educational experience to all students in an effort to ensure that they are prepared for the 21st century economy.

The following chart illustrates the FY15 assessments (voted in spring of FY14) to each member community:

ASSESSMENT CALCULATION FY2015:							RETIREE	
TOWNS	MINIMUM CONT.	ADDITIONAL CONT.	SHARE OF REGULAR CAP.	3rd YR OF 5 YR CAP PLAN	TRANS- PORTATION	HEALTH INSURANCE	TOTAL ASSESSMENT	
Belchertown	\$ 707,249	\$ 273,788	\$ 5,733	\$ 21,788	\$ 55,493	\$ 52,581	\$ 1,116,631	
Granby	\$ 227,902	\$ 74,151	\$ 1,553	\$ 8,864	\$ 15,029	\$ 14,241	\$ 341,739	
Hardwick	\$ 145,699	\$ 68,447	\$ 1,433	\$ 3,409	\$ 13,873	\$ 13,145	\$ 246,006	
Monson	\$ 629,723	\$ 236,712	\$ 4,957	\$ 11,026	\$ 47,978	\$ 45,460	\$ 975,856	
New Braintree	\$ 105,592	\$ 34,223	\$ 717	\$ 1,254	\$ 6,937	\$ 6,573	\$ 155,296	
Oakham	\$ 82,056	\$ 28,520	\$ 597	\$ 2,418	\$ 5,780	\$ 5,477	\$ 124,848	
Palmer	\$ 1,143,001	\$ 479,128	\$ 10,033	\$ 14,228	\$ 97,112	\$ 92,016	\$ 1,835,518	
Ware	\$ 607,560	\$ 288,047	\$ 6,031	\$ 13,007	\$ 58,383	\$ 55,319	\$ 1,028,348	
Warren	\$ 220,491	\$ 131,190	\$ 2,747	\$ 6,999	\$ 26,590	\$ 25,195	\$ 413,212	
TOTALS:	\$ 3,869,273	\$ 1,614,206	\$ 33,800	\$ 82,993	\$ 327,176	\$ 310,006	\$ 6,237,454	

(Please see the following page for further information on the FY2015 Assessments which were subsequently reduced during Pathfinder's Annual Excess and Deficiency Certification (E/D) per Massachusetts Department of Revenue Regulations)

The following chart illustrates the Recalculated FY15 assessments for each member community: In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16B1/2, the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District had its Excess and Deficiency (E&D) certified as of July 1, 2014 in the amount of \$688,459.00. As this figure exceeds 5% of the operating budget and capital costs for the succeeding fiscal year (FY15), the excess of \$67,378 must be returned to the district's member communities. Therefore, each of the district's member communities had its assessment recalculated (reduced) as outlined below based upon each member community's 10/01/2013 enrollment figures per the Regional Agreement:

FY15 Modified Assessment Due to Excess and Deficiency Surplus / Refund:

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT					
FY15 Total Assessments after Excess and Deficiency Refund of :					\$67,378
Apportionment Basis Per Regional Agreement:	TOTAL	BELCHERTOWN	GRANBY	HARDWICK	MONSON
FY15 Originally Approved Total Assessment:	\$ 6,237,454.00	\$1,116,631.00	\$ 341,739.00	\$ 246,006.00	\$975,856.00
Total Assessment Reduction dt E/D Surplus:	\$ 67,378.00	\$ 12,039.68	\$ 2,098.66	\$ 3,534.58	\$ 10,714.21
FY15 Amended Total Assessment dt E/D Surplus:	\$ 6,170,076.00	\$1,104,591.32	\$ 339,640.34	\$ 242,471.42	\$965,141.79

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT					
FY15 Total Assessments after Excess and Deficiency Refund of :					
Apportionment Basis Per Regional Agreement:	NEW BRAintree	OAKHAM	PALMER	WARE	WARREN
FY15 Originally Approved Total Assessment:	\$ 155,296.00	\$ 124,848.00	\$ 1,835,518.00	\$ 1,028,348.00	\$413,212.00
Total Assessment Reduction dt E/D Surplus:	\$ 1,215.01	\$ 1,104.58	\$ 20,213.40	\$ 10,382.84	\$ 6,075.07
FY15 Amended Total Assessment dt E/D Surplus:	\$ 154,080.99	\$ 123,743.44	\$ 1,815,304.60	\$ 1,017,965.16	\$407,136.93

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: As Pathfinder enters its forty-second year offering quality vocational education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. They have made substantial contributions to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials and the several town meetings for their support over these years. The committee especially thanks retiring Senator Stephen Brewer for his unwavering assistance to education and his friendship to Pathfinder. The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY16 fiscal picture will undoubtedly present another challenge. However—as always-- the goal will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh (Palmer), Chairman
Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown), Secretary
William E. Johnson (Granby)
Kathleen Barrett (Monson)
Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham)
Thomas Rugani (Warren)

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

David Droz (Palmer), Vice Chairman
Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown)
Julie Quink (Hardwick)
Shane Stafford (New Braintree)
M. Barbara Ray (Ware)
Ashley Boudreau (Student Representative)

SKATE PARK COMMITTEE:

The Skate Park Committee had another eventful year. We met many times to continue to redesign the existing skate park grounds. We submitted another application to the CPC which was accepted. We had a majority of Town Support at the Town Meeting in May 2014 and we were granted \$35,000 from the CPC, which we used to repair the existing ramps that were loved by the riders and also had a few new custom steel framed

ramps installed at the park. The community support has been steady and we have received donations of money and labor to continue with our rebuild project. We have added a safety education project to our plans for this year when we hope to complete our rebuild.

Michelle Ricker
Skate Park Committee

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER:

For the year 2014, all of Belchertown's Veteran's Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their flagging assistance at Mt Hope cemetery, as well as a thank you to Local VFW Post 8428 for their flagging assistance at South cemetery. Veterans Agent Ray Janke also helped.

Rural, Dwight and Lake Vale were flagged with the assistance of former Westover AFB PA

Director; Mr. Gordon Newell Hillcrest was done with the assistance of Cub Scout Pack 57.

This year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown Community Preservation Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Asst. Graves Officer

VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT:

The year 2014 provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the continued struggling economy. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town.

Future plans for 2015 would include: 1) Networking resources for our Veterans' and their families in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances; 2) Public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA, State benefits, and elder care issues; and, 3) A streamlined process to file a VA paperwork. My office will continue to work with Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond J. Janke, Veterans' Agent

VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD:

During 2014, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal veteran programs.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board;

your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond J. Janke, Veterans' Agent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

In 2014, the Board of Appeals received four applications for Special Permit and one application for a Variance. All applications were approved.

Respectfully submitted by,
David Lucey, Chairman
Robert Hislop, Member
Mark Hebert, Member
Brian Gibbons, Associate Member
Noah Pefaur, Associate Member

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2014

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash	2,758,087.88	2,775,564.40	312,050.62	442,677.36	17,277.95	3,221,424.52		9,527,082.73
Petty Cash Advance	135.00	2,856.00						2,991.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	427,250.19							427,250.19
Chapter 61	50,300.73							50,300.73
Excise Taxes	316,460.61							316,460.61
Tax Liens	355,273.31			8,340.08				363,613.39
Special Assessments	6,423.98			3,630,696.88				3,637,120.86
Departmental	542,590.46			394,595.99				937,186.45
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(117,445.69)							(117,445.69)
Tax Foreclosures	244,717.25			39,602.94				284,320.19
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,601.45						3,601.45
Due From Other Governments	191,747.83	356,661.52						548,409.35
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	0.00	324,000.00						324,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							26,006,276.73	26,006,276.73
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							30,556.05	30,556.05
Total Assets	4,775,541.55	3,462,683.37	312,050.62	4,515,913.25	17,277.95	3,221,424.52	26,036,832.78	42,341,724.04

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2014

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	337,402.59	131,675.58	0.00	21,004.48	2,280.01			492,362.66
Employee Withholdings	969,253.15	0.00						969,253.15
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	101,493.26							101,493.26
Chapter 61	50,300.73							50,300.73
Excise Taxes	316,460.61							316,460.61
Tax Liens	355,273.31			8,340.08				363,613.39
Special Assessments	6,423.98			3,630,696.88				3,637,120.86
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
Departmental	542,590.46			394,595.99				937,186.45
Tax Foreclosures	244,717.25			39,602.94				284,320.19
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,486.61						
Government Receivable	154,957.83	9,001.00	0.00					163,958.83
Grant Receivable		347,660.52						347,660.52
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	324,000.00						324,000.00
Early Payment of 2013 Prop. Tax/CPA Sur.	37,480.24	114.84						37,595.08
Unclaimed Checks	5,370.54							5,370.54
Excess on Land of Low Value	1,664.63							1,664.63
Bond Indebtedness							26,006,276.73	26,006,276.73
Compensated Absences							30,556.05	30,556.05
Total Liabilities	3,123,388.58	815,938.55	0.00	4,094,240.37	2,280.01	0.00	26,036,832.78	34,072,680.29
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	200,000.00	0.00		405.00				200,405.00
Reserve for Expenditures	158,849.88	191,290.90		205,961.00	1,887.00			557,988.78
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,293,303.09							1,293,303.09
Reserved Fund Balance		2,435,035.04		215,306.88	13,110.94	3,221,424.52		6,196,929.00
Title V Septic System Loan		20,417.88						20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	1,652,152.97	2,646,744.82	312,050.62	421,672.88	14,997.94	3,221,424.52	0.00	8,269,043.75
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	4,775,541.55	3,462,683.37	312,050.62	4,515,913.25	17,277.95	3,221,424.52	26,036,832.78	42,341,724.04

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

General Fund

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2014

ASSETS

Cash		2,758,087.88
Petty Cash Advance		135.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	427,250.19	
Chapter 61	50,300.73	
Excise Taxes	316,460.61	
Tax Liens	355,273.31	
Special Assessments	6,423.98	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	542,590.46	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	154,957.83	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(117,445.69)</u>	
		1,735,811.42
Due from Other Governments		36,790.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		<u>244,717.25</u>
Total Assets		<u>4,775,541.55</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		337,402.59
Employee Withholdings		969,253.15
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	101,493.26	
Chapter 61	50,300.73	
Excise Taxes	316,460.61	
Tax Liens	355,273.31	
Special Assessments	6,423.98	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	542,590.46	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	154,957.83	
Governmental Receivable - FEMA	0.00	
Tax Foreclosures	<u>244,717.25</u>	
		1,772,217.43
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		1,664.63
Early Payment of 2014 Property Tax		37,480.24
Unclaimed Checks		<u>5,370.54</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,123,388.58</u>
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>		
Reserve for Expenditures		200,000.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		158,849.88
Unreserved Fund Balance		<u>1,293,303.09</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>1,652,152.97</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>4,775,541.55</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2014

CPA	GRANTS					Totals		
	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds (Memo Only)	
ASSETS								
Cash	705,511.70	(141,406.37)	(63,101.35)	20,253.03	49,967.18	2,087,973.75	182,066.62	2,775,564.40
Petty Cash Advance				125.00		2,731.00		2,856.00
Due From Commonwealth	218,544.52		129,116.00					347,660.52
Am't to be Provided-Notes Payable	324,000.00							324,000.00
Surcharge Receivable (thru FY13)	3,601.45							3,601.45
Due from Federal Government		9,001.00						9,001.00
Total Assets	1,033,113.15	(56,699.16)	66,014.65	20,378.03	49,967.18	2,090,704.75	182,066.62	3,462,683.37
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	0.00							131,675.58
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		0.00	17,256.71	3,036.69	390.39	69,962.28	2,262.50	356,661.52
Employee Withholdings		218,544.52	129,116.00			0.00		0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	324,000.00							324,000.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	3,486.61							3,486.61
Early pmt of '15 CPA Surcharge	114.84							114.84
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable								0.00
Total Liabilities	327,601.45	218,544.52	146,372.71	3,036.69	390.39	69,962.28	2,262.50	815,938.55
Fund Equity:								
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	514,220.80	(141,406.37)	(80,358.06)	17,341.34	49,576.79	2,000,324.59	179,804.12	2,435,036.04
Reserve for Open Space	(30,416.40)							(30,416.40)
Reserve for Historic Resources	0.00							0.00
Reserve for Community Housing	221,707.30							221,707.30
Reserve for Encumbrance	0.00							0.00
Title V Septic System Loan						20,417.88		20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	705,511.70	(141,406.37)	(80,358.06)	17,341.34	49,576.79	2,020,742.47	179,804.12	2,646,744.82
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,033,113.15	(56,699.16)	66,014.65	20,378.03	49,967.18	2,090,704.75	182,066.62	3,462,683.37

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2014

	Police Station Sr. Center	Sewer upgrades Jackson St. PVP/Tri-Lakes	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	10,520.66	85,426.23	216,103.73	312,050.62
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>85,426.23</u>	<u>216,103.73</u>	<u>312,050.62</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00	0.00	0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		0.00	0.00	0.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payable		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>85,426.23</u>	<u>216,103.73</u>	<u>312,050.62</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>85,426.23</u>	<u>216,103.73</u>	<u>312,050.62</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>85,426.23</u>	<u>216,103.73</u>	<u>312,050.62</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2014

ASSETS

Cash		442,677.36
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	4,664.38	
Sewer User Fees	389,931.61	
Assessments	3,630,696.88	
Tax Liens - Sewer	<u>8,340.08</u>	
		<u>4,033,632.95</u>
Sewer Possessions		39,602.94
Total Assets		<u>4,515,913.25</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		21,004.48
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	4,664.38	
Sewer User Fees	389,931.61	
Assessments	3,630,696.88	
Tax Liens - Sewer	8,340.08	
Sewer possessions	<u>39,602.94</u>	
		<u>4,073,235.89</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>4,094,240.37</u>
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		205,961.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		405.00
Retained Earnings		<u>215,306.88</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>421,672.88</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>4,515,913.25</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2014

ASSETS

Cash

17,277.95

Total Assets

17,277.95

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable

2,280.01

Total Liabilities

2,280.01

Fund Equity:

Reserve for Expenditures

1,887.00

Retained Earnings

13,110.94

Total Fund Equity

14,997.94

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity

17,277.95

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2014

ASSETS

Cash	<u>690,747.83</u>
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Total Assets	<u>690,747.83</u>
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:

Reserved	<u>690,747.83</u>
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Total Fund Balance	<u>690,747.83</u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>690,747.83</u>
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2014

ASSETS

Cash	<u>2,530,676.69</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,530,676.69</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable	<u>0.00</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
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Fund Equity:

Fund Balances:	
Reserved	<u>2,530,676.69</u>

Total Fund Equity	<u>2,530,676.69</u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>2,530,676.69</u>
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ASSETS

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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2014

	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS</u>			<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u>		<u>FIDUCIARY TYPE (TRUSTS)</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:								
Taxes	23,348,593.40							23,348,593.40
State Receipts	17,440,073.46							17,440,073.46
Excise Taxes	1,787,674.69							1,787,674.69
Lieu Taxes	323,037.78							323,037.78
Licenses & Permits	167,419.21							167,419.21
Special Assessments	7,466.19							7,466.19
Interest	173,527.81	15,919.44		5,027.37		70,555.18		265,677.54
Fines & Forfeits	44,228.00							44,228.00
Departmental Revenue	262,794.07	2,810,339.98		1,582,445.29	267,606.92			4,923,186.26
Fees	69,320.00							69,320.00
Rentals	64,241.56							64,241.56
Umass Transit	36,790.00							36,790.00
Other Miscellaneous	140,122.86							
Grants		308,934.89	102,598.54			1,310.00	3,400.00	556,366.29
Performance Guarantees		3,459,605.39						3,459,605.39
Gifts		10,000.00						10,000.00
Temporary Loans		165,051.49						165,051.49
MWPAT		324,000.00						324,000.00
Bond Proceeds								0.00
Total Revenues	43,865,289.03	7,093,851.19	103,246.28	1,587,472.66	267,606.92	71,865.18	3,400.00	52,992,731.26
Expenditures:								
General Government	1,646,356.50	1,532,168.87						3,178,525.37
Protection of Persons & Property	3,379,823.05	398,644.86						3,778,467.91
Education	26,961,938.73	2,967,752.57				5,700.00		29,935,391.30
Public Works	2,405,000.95	851,366.99		722,291.94	273,205.14			4,251,865.02
Human Services	801,464.30	262,886.01				11,618.19		1,075,968.50
Culture & Recreation	702,631.12	363,652.01						1,066,283.13
Insurance & Unclassified	3,475,342.59			882,261.82				3,475,342.59
Debt & Interest	3,492,226.64							4,374,488.46

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2014

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE		TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	
Expenditures (continued):								
State Assessments	1,089,901.00							1,089,901.00
Prior Year Expenditures	561,186.73			726.50				561,913.23
Land Purchase								0.00
Construction			250,620.39					250,620.39
Equipment								0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds								0.00
Temporary Loan								0.00
Total Expenditures	<u>44,515,871.61</u>	<u>6,376,471.31</u>	<u>250,620.39</u>	<u>1,605,280.26</u>	<u>273,205.14</u>	<u>17,318.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>53,038,766.90</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(650,582.58)	717,379.88	(147,374.11)	(17,807.60)	(5,598.22)	54,546.99	3,400.00	(46,035.64)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Operating Transfers In	928,659.22	0.00	0.00	54,759.00	0.00	740,000.00	0.00	1,723,418.22
Operating Transfers Out	<u>794,759.00</u>	<u>569,174.27</u>	<u>4,719.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>344,765.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>1,723,418.22</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>133,900.22</u>	<u>(569,174.27)</u>	<u>(4,719.95)</u>	<u>54,759.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>395,235.00</u>	<u>(10,000.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	(516,682.36)	148,205.61	(152,094.06)	36,951.40	(5,598.22)	449,781.99	(6,600.00)	(46,035.64)
Audit Adjustment *		0.10						0.10
Fund Balance 7-1-13	<u>2,168,835.33</u>	<u>2,495,663.11</u>	<u>464,144.68</u>	<u>384,721.48</u>	<u>20,596.16</u>	<u>2,080,894.70</u>	<u>697,347.83</u>	<u>8,312,203.29</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-14	<u>1,652,152.97</u>	<u>2,643,868.82</u>	<u>312,050.62</u>	<u>421,672.88</u>	<u>14,997.94</u>	<u>2,530,676.69</u>	<u>690,747.83</u>	<u>8,266,167.75</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2014

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	23,208,656.00	23,348,593.40	139,937.40
State Receipts	17,347,991.00	17,440,073.46	92,082.46
Excise Taxes	1,596,000.00	1,787,674.69	191,674.69
Lieu Taxes	324,200.00	323,037.78	(1,162.22)
Licenses & Permits	150,950.00	167,419.21	16,469.21
Special Assessments	7,220.00	7,466.19	246.19
Interest	143,250.00	173,527.81	30,277.81
Fines & Forfeits	30,300.00	44,228.00	13,928.00
Departmental Revenue	186,000.00	262,794.07	76,794.07
Fees	68,500.00	69,320.00	820.00
Rentals	62,000.00	64,241.56	2,241.56
Umass Transit	36,659.00	36,790.00	131.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	140,122.86	140,122.86
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues	43,161,726.00	43,865,289.03	703,563.03
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,696,304.00	1,646,356.50	49,947.50
Protection of Persons & Property	3,467,735.00	3,379,823.05	87,911.95
Education	27,046,958.00	26,961,938.73	85,019.27
Public Works	2,463,762.00	2,405,000.95	58,761.05
Human Services	922,411.00	801,464.30	120,946.70
Culture & Recreation	714,581.00	702,631.12	11,949.88
Insurance & Unclassified	3,514,241.36	3,475,342.59	38,898.77
Debt & Interest	3,493,418.00	3,492,226.64	1,191.36
State Assessments	979,629.00	1,089,901.00	(110,272.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	577,964.56	561,186.73	16,777.83
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	44,877,003.92	44,515,871.61	361,132.31
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(650,582.58)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	814,500.00	928,659.22	
Operating Transfers Out	<u>794,759.00</u>	<u>794,759.00</u>	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>19,741.00</u>	<u>133,900.22</u>	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		(516,682.36)	
Audit Adjustments			
Fund Balance 7/1/13		<u>2,168,835.33</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/14		<u>1,652,152.97</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2014

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS				School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State							
Revenues:											
Grants	102,377.00	687,969.52	970,588.98	1,093,681.50	296,782.39			308,206.00			3,459,605.39
Collections & Fees	203,404.25		38,680.99	37,263.00	428,988.36		206,395.02	1,560,287.13	335,321.23		2,810,339.98
Interest	14,579.57		14.57	121.06	174.36			574.91	454.97		15,919.44
Performance Guarantees									10,000.00		10,000.00
Gifts			4,230.00	775.00				160,046.49			165,051.49
Temporary Loans	324,000.00										324,000.00
Other					1,324.80			4,792.00	302,818.09		308,934.89
Total Revenues	644,360.82	687,969.52	1,013,514.54	1,131,840.56	727,269.91		206,395.02	2,033,906.53	648,594.29		7,093,851.19
Expenditures:											
General Government	732,298.36			593,434.00				170,252.51	36,184.00		1,532,168.87
Protection of Persons & Property			23,587.10	48,146.89				33,779.66	293,131.21		398,644.86
Education			919,020.59	176,921.01	663,892.33		190,503.78	713,797.75	303,617.11		2,967,752.57
Department of Public Works		753,452.01						85,869.98	12,045.00		851,366.99
Human Services			162,993.39	72,376.72				27,515.90			262,886.01
Culture & Recreation				30,941.82				332,710.19			363,652.01
Debt & Interest											0.00
Total Expenditures	732,298.36	753,452.01	1,105,601.08	921,820.44	663,892.33		190,503.78	1,363,925.99	644,977.32		6,376,471.31
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)	(87,937.54)	(65,482.49)	(92,086.54)	210,020.12	63,377.58		15,891.24	669,980.54	3,616.97		717,379.88
Expenditures											
Other Financing Sources (Uses):											0.00
Operating Transfers In											
Operating Transfers Out			998.92					568,175.35			569,174.27
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	(998.92)	0.00	0.00		0.00	(568,175.35)	0.00		(569,174.27)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2014

	CPA	Highways	Federal	GRANTS State	School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	(87,937.54)	(65,482.49)	(93,085.46)	210,020.12	63,377.58	15,891.24	101,805.19	3,616.97	148,205.61
Audit Adjustments			0.10						0.10
Balance 7-1-13	<u>793,449.24</u>	<u>(75,923.88)</u>	<u>(11,381.81)</u>	<u>(290,378.18)</u>	<u>(46,181.24)</u>	<u>33,685.55</u>	<u>1,916,206.28</u>	<u>176,187.15</u>	<u>2,495,663.11</u>
Balance 6-30-14	<u>705,511.70</u>	<u>(141,406.37)</u>	<u>(104,467.17)</u>	<u>(80,358.06)</u>	<u>17,196.34</u>	<u>49,576.79</u>	<u>2,018,011.47</u>	<u>179,804.12</u>	<u>2,643,868.82</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2014

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
Interest			\$647.74	\$647.74
MWPAT				\$0.00
USDA Grant				\$0.00
USDA Loan				\$0.00
Rebates			102,598.54	\$102,598.54
Temporary Loans				\$0.00
Bond Proceeds				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	103,246.28	\$103,246.28
Expenditures:				
Construction			\$250,620.39	\$250,620.39
Equipment				\$0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds				\$0.00
Temporary Loans				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$250,620.39</u>	<u>\$250,620.39</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$147,374.11)	(\$147,374.11)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In				\$0.00
Operation Transfers Out		(\$4,719.95)		<u>(\$4,719.95)</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$4,719.95)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$4,719.95)</u>
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	\$0.00	(\$4,719.95)	(\$147,374.11)	(\$152,094.06)
Fund Balance 7-1-13	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$90,146.18</u>	<u>\$363,477.84</u>	<u>\$464,144.68</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-14	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$85,426.23</u>	<u>\$216,103.73</u>	<u>\$312,050.62</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2014

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,192,000.00	1,303,354.28	111,354.28
Sewer Assessments	180,161.00	235,326.01	55,165.01
Sewer Connections	12,500.00	43,725.00	31,225.00
Interest	0.00	5,027.37	5,027.37
Dumping Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>
Total Revenue	1,384,661.00	1,587,472.66	202,811.66
Expenditures:			
Environmental	735,184.00	722,291.94	12,892.06
Debt & Interest	882,270.00	882,261.82	8.18
Prior Year Expenditures	<u>726.50</u>	<u>726.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,618,180.50	1,605,280.26	12,900.24
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(17,807.60)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	54,759.00	54,759.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>54,759.00</u>	<u>54,759.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		36,951.40	
Fund Balance 7/1/13		<u>384,721.48</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/14		<u>421,672.88</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2014

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	248,500.00	261,739.40	13,239.40
Sale of Recycling	6,000.00	<u>5,867.52</u>	<u>(132.48)</u>
Total Revenue	254,500.00	267,606.92	13,106.92
Expenditures:			
Environmental	273,209.00	273,205.14	3.86
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	299,937.00	273,205.14	26,731.86
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(5,598.22)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		<u>(5,598.22)</u>	
Fund Balance 7/1/13		<u>20,596.16</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/14		<u>14,997.94</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2014

	Balance 7/1/2013	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2014
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	\$206,384.44 \$50,877.55		\$17,412.08 \$1,421.37	\$11,496.81			\$212,299.71 \$52,298.92	\$212,299.71 \$52,298.92
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	\$5,199.69		\$168.09				\$5,367.78	\$5,367.78
Calvin Bridgman High School	\$15,363.63		\$498.78				\$15,862.41	\$15,862.41
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	\$86,582.03		\$1,957.94	\$5,000.00			\$83,539.97	\$83,539.97
Pazasis Scholarship	(\$9.57)		\$9.57				\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	\$362.06		\$8.46				\$370.51	\$370.51
Hansbury Scholarship	\$358.89	\$300.00	\$5.37	\$600.00			\$64.26	\$64.26
Shumway Scholarship	\$2,291.53		\$52.19	\$100.00			\$2,243.72	\$2,243.72
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$2,064.18		\$141.58				\$2,205.76	\$2,205.76
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$3,867.04		\$139.31				\$4,006.35	\$4,006.35
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	\$59,845.27	\$1,010.00	\$1,417.51				\$62,272.78	\$62,272.78
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	\$42,478.37		\$3,456.85				\$45,935.22	\$45,935.22
Susan M.D. Bridgman	\$1,439.07		\$38.29				\$1,477.36	\$1,477.36
Neillie E. Brown	\$2,367.66		\$76.85	\$121.38			\$2,323.13	\$2,323.13
Willard Stebbins	\$2,336.74		\$89.57				\$2,426.31	\$2,426.31
Vianna E. Somes	\$2,636.76		\$68.57				\$2,705.33	\$2,705.33
E. Schmidt Memorial	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Penson Fund	\$19,765.00		\$0.00		(\$19,765.00)		\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement Trust	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Conservation Fund	\$863.84		\$20.17				\$884.01	\$884.01
Stabilization Fund	\$1,448,723.55	\$740,000.00	\$40,879.22		(\$325,000.00)		\$1,904,602.77	\$1,904,602.77
Workers' Compensation Fund	\$127,096.97		\$2,693.42				\$129,790.39	\$129,790.39
	<u>\$2,080,894.70</u>	<u>\$741,310.00</u>	<u>\$70,555.18</u>	<u>\$17,318.19</u>	<u>(\$344,765.00)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,530,676.69</u>	<u>\$2,530,676.69</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2014

	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	3,739,456.40	1,031,296.91	4,770,753.31
2016	3,086,507.80	882,430.54	3,968,938.34
2017	3,088,963.88	770,033.29	3,858,997.17
2018	3,101,597.08	625,505.92	3,727,103.00
2019	3,092,436.85	504,041.93	3,596,478.78
2020	2,502,452.74	379,784.20	2,882,236.94
2021	2,279,580.07	272,965.48	2,552,545.55
2022	2,271,683.40	181,400.14	2,453,083.54
2023	743,901.17	87,945.61	831,846.78
2024	756,162.59	55,061.67	811,224.26
2025	377,062.17	40,592.46	417,654.63
2026	372,488.37	26,170.33	398,658.70
2027	374,963.04	11,974.43	386,937.47
2028	127,487.17	3,105.55	130,592.72
2029	29,903.00	1,531.65	31,434.65
2030	30,507.00	927.55	31,434.55
2031	31,124.00	311.24	31,435.24
	<u>26,006,276.73</u>	<u>4,875,078.90</u>	<u>30,881,355.63</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2014

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2013	Reduced FY2014	Outstanding 6/30/2014	Due In FY2015
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	4.01	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	3.99	1,265,000.00	615,000.00	650,000.00	650,000.00
High School	2002	4.50	14,185,000.00	1,660,000.00	12,525,000.00	1,630,000.00
		*reissued in '11				
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	295,000.00	50,000.00	245,000.00	50,000.00
		*reissued in '11				
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00	395,000.00	60,000.00	335,000.00	60,000.00
QECB/Energy Project	2012		2,940,000.00	205,000.00	2,735,000.00	205,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	3,132,700.00	484,200.00	2,648,500.00	498,800.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	215,000.00	30,000.00	185,000.00	30,000.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	255,000.00	35,000.00	220,000.00	35,000.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	530,000.00	70,000.00	460,000.00	70,000.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,169,347.00	89,347.00	1,080,000.00	95,000.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	2,450,957.98	187,045.53	2,263,912.45	192,358.57
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	200,000.00	30,000.00	170,000.00	30,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer	2008	2.00	1,267,976.30	73,214.02	1,194,762.28	74,693.83
Howard Street #1	2011	2.00	475,188.00	22,153.00	453,035.00	22,600.00
Howard Street #2	2011	2.00	17,052.00	985.00	16,067.00	1,004.00
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Topping	2008		220,000.00	20,000.00	200,000.00	20,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	2008		<u>685,000.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>	<u>615,000.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>
			<u>29,743,221.28</u>	<u>3,736,944.55</u>	<u>26,006,276.73</u>	<u>3,739,456.40</u>

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2013	\$ 11,916,764.71	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	\$ 64,397,355.27
RECEIPTS	\$ 62,007,673.29	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2014	\$ 9,527,082.73
	\$ 73,924,438.00		\$ 73,924,438.00

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPC INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION F 27,362.93

ACCOUNT	TRUST FUNDS		AND		SPECIAL ACCOUNTS		BALANCE 6/30/2014
	BALANCE 6/30/2013	DEPOSITS			INTEREST & DIVIDENDS TRANSFERS&W/D		
SCHOOL FUNDS							
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	\$ 21,363.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	498.78	\$ -	\$ 21,862.41
GEORGE LONGLEY	\$ 7,199.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	168.09	\$ -	\$ 7,367.78
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,488.63	\$ 3,144.23	\$ -	\$ -	89.54	\$ (900.00)	\$ 4,822.40
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 86,582.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1,957.94	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 83,539.97
RICHARD PAZASSIS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 1,120.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	17.98	\$ (1,138.41)	\$ -
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 362.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	8.45	\$ -	\$ 370.51
SHUMWAY SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,291.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	52.19	\$ (100.00)	\$ 2,243.72
HANSBURY SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 358.89	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	5.37	\$ (600.00)	\$ 64.26
CEMETERY FUNDS							
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$ 1,639.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	38.29	\$ -	\$ 1,677.36
WILLARD STEBBINS	\$ 3,836.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	89.57	\$ -	\$ 3,926.31
VIANNA SOMES	\$ 2,936.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	68.57	\$ -	\$ 3,005.33
NELLIE BROWN	\$ 3,367.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	76.85	\$ (121.38)	\$ 3,323.13
PERPETUAL CARE	\$ 189,865.51	\$ 3,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	3,456.85	\$ -	\$ 196,722.36
POOR FUNDS							
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$ 719,719.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	18,957.08	\$ (13,516.02)	\$ 725,160.40
WHITING STREET	\$ 60,877.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1,421.37	\$ -	\$ 62,298.92
MISC FUNDS							
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	\$ 5,967.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	139.31	\$ -	\$ 6,106.35
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	\$ 6,064.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	141.58	\$ -	\$ 6,205.76
CONSERVATION	\$ 863.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	20.17	\$ -	\$ 884.01
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 59,845.27	\$ 1,010.00	\$ -	\$ -	1,417.51	\$ -	\$ 62,272.78
STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 1,448,723.55	\$ 415,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	40,879.22	\$ -	\$ 1,904,602.77
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	\$ 127,096.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,693.42	\$ (695.00)	\$ 129,790.39
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	\$ 18,631.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	424.82	\$ (3,485.00)	\$ 18,361.39
CULTURAL COUNCIL	\$ 4,872.91	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	121.06	\$ (100.22)	\$ 6,008.97
250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE	\$ 100.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.08	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 2,776,174.99	\$ 427,354.23	\$ -	\$ -	72,744.09	\$ (25,656.03)	\$ 3,250,617.28

FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013- JUNE 30, 2014

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#986-JACKSON FARM PURCHASE	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SAVINGS	5/2/2014	\$ 119,000.00	5/1/2015	0.50%
#987-TOWN HALL WINDOWS	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SAVINGS	6/20/2014	\$ 100,000.00	6/19/2015	0.50%
#988-OLD TOWN HALL	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SAVINGS	6/20/2014	\$ 105,000.00	6/19/2015	0.50%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, LISA M BANNER, TOWN TREASURER

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
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FISCAL 2012 REAL ESTATE				CPA 2013			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	27,600.58	OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013		\$	2,168.01
REFUND		\$	26,221.10	COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	33.04
TO TAX TITLE	\$	14.89		REFUND		\$	395.83
ABATED	\$	25,875.00		ABATED	\$	395.83	
COLLECTED	\$	27,585.69		TO TAX TITLE	\$	26.78	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	346.10		COLLECTED	\$	2,134.61	
	\$	53,821.68	\$ 53,821.68	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	39.66	
					\$	2,596.88	\$ 2,596.88
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2013				CPA 2014			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	361,133.26	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	99,327.98
COMMITTED		\$	-	COMMITTED		\$	105,161.27
REFUND		\$	26,746.35	REFUND		\$	138.28
TO TAX TITLE	\$	29,057.79		TO TAX TITLE	\$	205.12	
ABATED	\$	26,388.75		TAX POSSESSION	\$	21.55	
COLLECTED	\$	301,013.29		ABATED	\$	1,489.18	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	31,419.78		COLLECTED	\$	200,266.18	
	\$	387,879.61	\$ 387,879.61	OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014	\$	2,645.50	
					\$	204,627.53	\$ 204,627.53
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2014				CPA 2015			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	11,020,394.83	COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	102,654.66
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	11,789,150.02	COLLECTED	\$	114.84	
REFUND		\$	67,786.07	OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014	\$	102,539.82	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	37,766.39			\$	102,654.66	\$ 102,654.66
TAX POSSESSION	\$	5,547.63		2013 SEWER CHARGES			
ABATED	\$	105,401.43		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	392,492.52
COLLECTED	\$	22,361,808.76		REFUND		\$	2,910.60
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	366,806.71		TO LIEN	\$	77,113.94	
	\$	22,877,330.92	\$ 22,877,330.92	COLLECTED	\$	318,289.18	
				OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014	\$	-	
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2015					\$	395,403.12	\$ 395,403.12
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	11,464,566.13	2014 SEWER CHARGES			
COLLECTED	\$	37,480.24		COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,293,714.47
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	11,427,085.89		REFUND		\$	599.36
	\$	11,464,566.13	\$ 11,464,566.13	ABATED	\$	67.41	
				COLLECTED	\$	904,314.81	
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2013				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	389,931.61	
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	2,318.91		\$	1,294,313.83	\$ 1,294,313.83
COLLECTED	\$	2,318.91		2013 SEWER LIENS			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013		\$	4,725.46
	\$	2,318.91	\$ 2,318.91	COLLECTED	\$	4,725.46	
				OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014	\$	-	
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2014					\$	4,725.46	\$ 4,725.46
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	33,468.37	2014 SEWER LIENS			
COLLECTED	\$	31,134.11		COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	84,836.11
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	2,334.26		TO LIENS	\$	636.94	
	\$	33,468.37	\$ 33,468.37	COLLECTED	\$	79,534.79	
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	4,664.38	
CPA 2012					\$	84,836.11	\$ 84,836.11
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	25.66	2014 SEWER LIENS			
REFUND		\$	388.13	COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	84,836.11
ABATED	\$	388.13		TO LIENS	\$	636.94	
COLLECTED	\$	25.66		COLLECTED	\$	79,534.79	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	4,664.38	
	\$	413.79	\$ 413.79		\$	84,836.11	\$ 84,836.11

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2009 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				FISCAL 2010 PERS PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	3,573.50	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	973.03
ABATED	\$	3,250.05		COLLECTED	\$	-	
COLLECTED	\$	323.45		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	973.03	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	-			\$	973.03	\$ 973.03
	\$	3,573.50	\$ 3,573.50				
2010 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				FISCAL 2011 PERS PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	6,461.71	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	10,344.19
COLLECTED	\$	912.51		ABATED	\$	89.21	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	5,549.20		COLLECTED	\$	6,415.96	
	\$	6,461.71	\$ 6,461.71	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	3,839.02	
					\$	10,344.19	\$ 10,344.19
2011 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				FISCAL 2012 PERS PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	11,593.97	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	8,956.25
REFUND	\$		740.00	REFUND		\$	0.24
ABATED	\$	655.00		ABATED	\$	1,022.43	
COLLECTED	\$	4,503.18		COLLECTED	\$	1,259.94	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	7,175.79		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	6,674.12	
	\$	12,333.97	\$ 12,333.97		\$	8,956.49	\$ 8,956.49
2012 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				FISCAL 2013 PERS PROP			
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013		\$	27,018.53	OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013		\$	8,954.77
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	71.25	REFUND		\$	0.44
REFUND		\$	1,504.80	ABATED	\$	453.79	
ABATED	\$	1,837.41		COLLECTED	\$	1,266.90	
COLLECTED	\$	15,464.62		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	7,234.52	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	11,292.55			\$	8,955.21	\$ 8,955.21
	\$	28,594.58	\$ 28,594.58				
2013 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				FISCAL PERS PROP 2014			
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013		\$	244,393.05	OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013		\$	227,190.00
COMMITTED		\$	158,952.22	COMMITTED		\$	244,995.92
REFUND		\$	14,493.34	REFUND		\$	438.93
ABATED	\$	25,743.83		ABATED	\$	2,123.57	
COLLECTED	\$	359,495.03		COLLECTED	\$	460,544.37	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014	\$	32,599.75		OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014	\$	9,956.91	
	\$	417,838.61	\$ 417,838.61		\$	472,624.85	\$ 472,624.85
2014 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				FISCAL 2015 PERS PROP			
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,659,479.93	COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	244,620.97
REFUND		\$	10,959.62	OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014	\$	244,620.97	
ABATED	\$	57,383.16			\$	244,620.97	\$ 244,620.97
COLLECTED	\$	1,353,213.07		2013 DAIGLE WELL BETT			
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014	\$	259,843.32		OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013		\$	127.65
	\$	1,670,439.55	\$ 1,670,439.55	COLLECTED	\$	127.65	
				OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014	\$	-	
FARM ANIMAL EXC					\$	127.65	\$ 127.65
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	270.40	2014 DAIGLE WELL BETT			
ABATED	\$	270.40		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	6,824.85
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	6,824.85	
	\$	270.40	\$ 270.40	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	-	
					\$	6,824.85	\$ 6,824.85
MISCELLANEOUS REC.							
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013		\$	50,504.18				
COMMITTED		\$	25,011.53				
COLLECTED	\$	25,214.98					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014	\$	50,300.73					
	\$75,515.71	\$	75,515.71				

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2013 TRILAKES BETT
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013 \$ 8,683.67
COLLECTED \$ 8,683.67
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014 \$ -
\$ 8,683.67 \$ 8,683.67

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2013 \$ 1,849,294.31
APPORTIONED FY14 RE \$167,592.21
COLLECTED \$55,230.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$1,626,472.10
\$1,849,294.31 \$ 1,849,294.31

2014 TRILAKES BETT
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 176,693.49
TO TAX TITLE \$ 693.66
COLLECTED \$ 171,212.96
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2014 \$ 4,786.87
\$ 176,693.49 \$ 176,693.49

COMSTAR
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2013 \$ 447,305.49
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 1,370,868.19
REFUNDED \$ 1,733.25
ABATED \$ 669,749.54
COLLECTED \$ 609,901.19
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2014 \$ 540,256.20
\$ 1,819,906.93 \$ 1,819,906.93

JULY 1, 2013- JUNE 30, 2014

TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$ 26,893,248.99
AMBULANCE ACCT \$ 609,901.19
TOTAL \$ 27,503,150.18

TAXES, LIENS, EXCISES \$ 26,550,331.76
INTEREST/FEES \$ 137,963.55
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 1,880.82
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT \$ 203,072.86
AMBULANCE ACCT \$ 609,901.19
TOTAL \$ 27,503,150.18

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

						TOWN CLERK									
						2014 FINANCIAL REPORT									
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD		
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	312.00	512.00	769.00	344.00	448.00	392.00	392.00	624.00	548.00	552.00	520.00	728.00	6141.00		
	60.00	120.00	60.00	20.00	220.00		160.00	120.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	120.00	1180.00		
	100.00			100.00				100.00	100.00	170.00	230.00	260.00	1060.00		
	30.00	45.00	60.00		30.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	75.00	435.00		
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	300.00	200.00	300.00	80.00	560.00	80.00	360.00	340.00	160.00	260.00	80.00	140.00	2860.00		
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	100.00			200.00	100.00					150.00		200.00	750.00		
DOG FINES	60.00	230.00	145.00	1356.00	420.00	532.00	740.00	1012.00	1055.00	520.00	130.00	40.00	6240.00		
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	160.00	60.00	520.00	180.00	210.00	80.00	50.00	235.00	160.00	470.00	125.00	245.00	2495.00		
DOG LICENSE	9281.00	6567.00	5397.00	1936.00	818.00	444.00	340.00	402.00	415.00	156.00	748.00	2956.00	29460.00		
DOG GIFT FUND	210.00		205.00		625.00	205.00	130.00	70.00	135.00	235.00	219.40	50.00	2084.40		
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION			950.00	575.00	200.00	25.00	50.00						1800.00		
HISTORICAL APPLICATION					25.00				25.00	25.00		25.00	100.00		
PARKING CITATION							100.00						100.00		
PLANNING BOARD FEE	85.00	110.00	185.00	45.00	315.00	390.00	1295.00	235.00	170.00	95.00	100.00	260.00	3285.00		
POLE ORDER							40.00						40.00		
RAFFLE PERMIT	15.00	15.00	30.00	15.00				30.00	90.00		15.00	30.00	240.00		
STREET LIST BK/DISK	20.00	20.00		10.00		20.00	40.00	20.00			20.00	20.00	170.00		
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS			60.00			20.00	25.00						105.00		
MSC SALES		8.80	7.20		4.80	87.00	4.00	39.20	2.00	2.70	1.00	5.20	161.90		
TOTAL	10733.00	7887.80	8688.20	4861.00	3975.80	2290.00	3741.00	3257.20	3025.00	2780.70	2313.40	5154.20	58707.30		
Respectfully Submitted,															
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte															
Town Clerk															

TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS

2013 Vital Statistics received after last year's Annual Report

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<u>Birth</u>	Springfield		1	
<u>Death</u>	Leicester & Ware		2	
<u>Marriage</u>	Belchertown Resident	1	1	Married in Belchertown

2014 Vital Statistics

<u>Births:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Belchertown	1	1
	Greenfield		1
	Holyoke	2	3
	Northampton	23	17
	Springfield	50	27
	Worcester	2	1
	Total	78	50

<u>Marriages:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	42	41
Non-Resident	15	18
Married in Belchertown:	23	
Married Out-of-Town:	35	

<u>Deaths:</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident		46	49
Non-Resident		5	1
<u>Place of Death</u>			
Agawam	1	Holyoke	2
Amherst	8	Northampton	4
Athol	1	Palmer	7
Belchertown	29	South Hadley	4
Boston	1	Springfield	19
East Longmeadow	2	Ware	8
Gardner	1	Waltham	1
Greenfield	1	Wilbraham	4
Hadley	3	Worcester	5

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN
MAY 19, 2014**

OFFICE	*Denotes Elected NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Town Clerk	James W. Quirk		171	153	171	74	569
1 year	* Colleen K. Toothill-Berte		283	218	319	178	998
Vote for one		Blanks	13	8	15	3	39
		Sundry Write-ins	1	0	0	0	1
		Total	468	379	505	255	1607
Board of Selectmen	* Brenda Q. Aldrich		340	293	381	200	1214
3 years		Blanks	125	83	118	53	379
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	3	3	6	2	14
		Total	468	379	505	255	1607
School Committee	* Dawn E. French		225	205	246	135	811
3 years	* Michael James Knapp		297	256	325	169	1047
Vote for two	David T. Vacchi		253	174	250	118	795
		Blanks	157	121	189	86	553
		Sundry Write-ins	4	2	0	2	8
		Total	936	758	1010	510	3214
Planning Board	* James J. Natle		331	286	366	187	1170
5 years		Blanks	135	93	139	67	434
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	2	0	0	1	3
		Total	468	379	505	255	1607
Planning Board	* Daniel R. Beaudette		321	279	366	179	1145
2 years		Blanks	146	100	139	76	461
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	1	0	0	0	1
		Total	468	379	505	255	1607
Board of Assessors	* Thomas A. Barry		317	280	375	184	1156
3 years		Blanks	150	99	129	70	448
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	1	0	1	1	3
		Total	468	379	505	255	1607
Board of Health	* Sean J. Cleary		309	249	329	177	1064
3 years	* Robert B. Hutchinson		298	271	348	169	1086
Vote for two		Blanks	329	238	332	164	1063
		Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1
		Total	936	758	1010	510	3214
Moderator	* Frances Johnson South		323	282	367	191	1163
3 years		Blanks	145	97	136	63	441
Vote for one		Sundry Write-ins	0	0	2	1	3
		Total	468	379	505	255	1607

Belchertown, MA
State Primary
September 9, 2014

DEMOCRAT		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in Congress	Edward J. Markey	182	173	181	240	776
(Vote for One)	Blanks	41	37	54	43	175
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Governor	Donald M. Berwick	72	44	52	134	302
(Vote for One)	Martha Coakley	80	99	99	99	377
	Steven Grossman	68	63	75	47	253
	Blanks	3	5	13	5	26
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Lieutenant Governor	Leland Cheung	48	43	42	98	231
(Vote for One)	Stephen J. Kerrigan	96	95	113	88	392
	Michael E. Lake	31	30	32	40	133
	Blanks	47	43	51	58	199
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Attorney General	Maura Healey	159	149	161	221	690
(Vote for One)	Warren E. Tolman	54	48	57	50	209
	Blanks	10	14	21	14	59
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Secretary of State	William Francis Galvin	174	176	192	225	767
(Vote for One)	Blanks	49	34	47	60	190
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Treasurer	Thomas P. Conroy	42	43	58	67	210
(Vote for One)	Barry R. Finegold	41	29	45	42	157
	Deborah B. Goldberg	97	100	94	124	415
	Blanks	43	39	42	52	176
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Auditor	Suzanne M. Bump	164	155	168	205	692
(Vote for One)	Blanks	59	55	70	80	264
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	Total	223	211	239	285	958

**Belchertown, MA
State Primary
September 9, 2014**

DEMOCRAT		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Representative in Congress	James P. McGovern	170	165	175	228	738
(Vote for One)	Blanks	53	45	64	56	218
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	0	1	2
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Councillor	Michael J. Albano	135	143	157	181	616
(Vote for One)	Blanks	88	68	79	103	338
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	3	1	4
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in General Court	Timothy C. Allen	24	19	31	30	104
(Vote for One)	James Chip Harrington	58	66	98	41	263
	Thomas A. Lachiusa	4	3	3	7	17
	Eric Philip Lesser	110	96	77	146	429
	Aaron L. Saunders	15	23	22	33	93
	Blanks	12	4	8	28	52
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A				TOTAL
Representative in General Court	Denise Andrews	167				167
(Vote for One)	Blanks	55				55
	Sundry Write-ins	1				1
	Total	223				223
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		B	C	D	TOTAL
Representative in General Court	Thomas M. Petrolati		158	166	195	519
(Vote for One)	Blanks		52	71	89	212
	Sundry Write-ins		1	2	1	4
	Total		211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
District Attorney	David E. Sullivan	171	162	181	208	722
(Vote for One)	Blanks	52	48	57	77	234
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	1	0	2
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Register of Probate	Michael J. Carey	160	155	175	196	686
(Vote for One)	Blanks	63	55	64	89	271
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	0	0	1
	Total	223	211	239	285	958
REPUBLICAN		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in Congress	Brian J. Herr	73	35	69	39	216
(Vote for One)	Blanks	21	10	17	13	61
	Sundry Write-ins	2	3	0	1	6
	Total	96	48	86	53	283

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REPUBLICAN		PRECINCTS					
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
Governor	Charles D. Baker	61	31	50	33	175	
(Vote for One)	Mark R. Fisher	32	16	34	20	102	
	Blanks	3	1	1	0	5	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1	
	Total	96	48	86	53	283	
OFFICE							
Lieutenant Governor	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Karyn E. Polito	78	40	73	46	237	
	Blanks	17	6	13	7	43	
	Sundry Write-ins	1	2	0	0	3	
	Total	96	48	86	53	283	
OFFICE							
Attorney General	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	John B. Miller	71	39	71	41	222	
	Blanks	25	8	15	12	60	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	0	0	1	
	Total	96	48	86	53	283	
OFFICE							
Secretary of State	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	David D'Arcangelo	70	38	70	41	219	
	Blanks	26	10	16	12	64	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	96	48	86	53	283	
OFFICE							
Treasurer	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Michael James Heffernan	69	36	70	39	214	
	Blanks	27	12	15	14	68	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1	
	Total	96	48	86	53	283	
OFFICE							
Auditor	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Patricia S. Saint Aubin	69	36	67	39	211	
	Blanks	27	12	19	14	72	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	96	48	86	53	283	
OFFICE							
Representative in Congress	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Blanks	92	46	84	50	272	
	Sundry Write-ins	4	2	2	3	11	
	Total	96	48	86	53	283	
OFFICE							
Councillor	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Blanks	95	48	86	53	282	
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	0	0	1	
	Total	96	48	86	53	283	
OFFICE							
Senator in General Court	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Debra A. Boronski	72	38	65	41	216	
	Blanks	24	10	20	12	66	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1	
	Total	96	48	86	53	283	

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REPUBLICAN		CANDIDATE NAME	PRECINCTS					
OFFICE			A				TOTAL	
Representative in General Court	Karen R. Anderson		47				47	
(Vote for One)	Susannah M. Whipps Lee		43				43	
	Blanks		5				5	
	Sundry Write-ins		1				1	
	Total		96				96	
OFFICE				B	C	D	TOTAL	
Representative in General Court	CANDIDATE NAME			B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Deborah Martell			4	7	6	17	
	Blanks			44	79	47	170	
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0	0	0	
	Total			48	86	53	187	
OFFICE			A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
District Attorney	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		94	47	85	52	278	
	Sundry Write-ins		2	1	1	1	5	
	Total		96	48	86	53	283	
OFFICE			A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
Register of Probate	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		95	47	86	49	277	
	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	0	4	6	
	Total		96	48	86	53	283	
Grand Total			319	259	325	338	1241	
			PRECINCTS	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
			Democrat	638	601	629	753	2621
			Republican	303	357	406	250	1316
			Unenrolled	1250	1331	1466	1325	5372
			TOTALS	2191	2289	2501	2328	9309
13% Voted on 9/9/2014			PRECINCTS	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
			Democrat	223	211	239	285	958
			Republican	96	48	86	53	283
			TOTALS	319	259	325	338	1241
Attest:								
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte								
Town Clerk								

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<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE NAME</u>	<u>PRECINCTS</u>				<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	
Senator in Congress (Vote for One)	Edward J. Markey	727	661	718	849	2955
	Brian J. Herr	488	582	635	389	2094
	Blanks	48	51	82	42	223
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Governor and Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)	<u>CANDIDATES NAMES</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Baker and Polito	574	655	746	465	2440
	Coakley and Kerrigan	548	491	502	668	2209
	Falchuk and Jennings	104	91	122	102	419
	Lively and Saunders	15	22	27	23	87
	McCormick and Post	11	15	8	9	43
	Blanks	13	20	29	13	75
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Attorney General (Vote for One)	<u>CANDIDATE NAME</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Maura Healey	695	661	699	835	2890
	John B. Miller	510	578	642	392	2122
	Blanks	60	55	94	54	263
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Secretary of State (Vote for One)	<u>CANDIDATE NAME</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	William Francis Galvin	768	740	826	846	3180
	David D'Arcangelo	370	442	476	288	1576
	Daniel L. Factor	60	68	51	84	263
	Blanks	67	44	82	63	256
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Treasurer (Vote for One)	<u>CANDIDATE NAME</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Deborah B. Goldberg	633	610	636	747	2626
	Michael James Heffernan	485	557	626	358	2026
	Ian T. Jackson	60	57	58	87	262
	Blanks	87	70	115	89	361
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Auditor (Vote for One)	<u>CANDIDATE NAME</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Suzanne M. Bump	671	645	668	754	2738
	Patricia S. Saint Aubin	432	495	579	333	1839
	MK Merelice	56	58	53	83	250
	Blanks	106	96	133	111	446
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275

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Representative in Congress (Vote for One)		CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		James P. McGovern	841	853	907	951	3552
		Blanks	418	427	522	319	1686
		Sundry Write-ins	6	14	6	11	37
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Councillor (Vote for One)		CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Michael J. Albano	795	821	876	895	3387
		Blanks	467	464	552	381	1864
		Sundry Write-ins	3	9	7	5	24
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Senator in General Court (Vote for One)		CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Debra A. Boronski	485	594	627	404	2110
		Eric Philip Lesser	660	580	646	756	2642
		Mike Franco	58	68	78	65	269
		Blanks	62	52	84	56	254
		Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
OFFICE							
Representative in General Court (Vote for One)	Prec A	CANDIDATE NAME	A				TOTAL
		Denise Andrews	670				670
		Susannah M. Whipps Lee	490				490
		Blanks	105				105
		Sundry Write-ins	0				0
		Total	1265				1265
Representative in General Court (Vote for One)	Prec B-D	CANDIDATE NAME		B	C	D	TOTAL
		Thomas M. Petrolati		873	923	923	2719
		Blanks		416	504	350	1270
		Sundry Write-ins		5	8	8	21
		Total		1294	1435	1281	4010
District Attorney (Vote for One)		CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		David E. Sullivan	835	866	919	915	3535
		Blanks	425	423	514	357	1719
		Sundry Write-ins	5	5	2	9	21
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Register of Probate (Vote for One)		CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Michael J. Carey	818	834	882	904	3438
		Blanks	442	453	549	369	1813
		Sundry Write-ins	5	7	4	8	24
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
OFFICE							
Regional Vocational Technical School Committee (Vote for One)		CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Lorraine F. Alves	821	868	928	821	3438
		Blanks	443	424	507	455	1829
		Sundry Write-ins	1	2	0	5	8
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275

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OFFICE		PRECINCTS					
		CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Regional Vocational Technical School Committee		Blanks	1254	1280	1428	1269	5231
Granby		Sundry Write-ins	11	14	7	12	44
(Vote for One)		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Regional Vocational Technical School Committee		Julie Quink	721	772	808	737	3038
Hardwick		Blanks	543	521	626	539	2229
(Vote for One)		Sundry Write-ins	1	1	1	5	8
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Regional Vocational Technical School Committee		Blanks	1159	1288	1431	1276	5154
Monson		Sundry Write-ins	6	6	4	5	21
(Vote for One)		Total	1165	1294	1435	1281	5175
Regional Vocational Technical School Committee		Michael Cavanaugh	723	797	818	722	3060
Palmer		Blanks	540	494	616	555	2205
(Vot for One)		Sundry Write-ins	2	3	1	4	10
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Regional Vocational Technical School Committee		Blanks	1257	1286	1432	1274	5249
New Braintree		Sundry Write-ins	8	8	3	7	26
(Vote for One)		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Regional Vocational Technical School Committee		Barbara Ray	714	736	748	686	2884
Ware		Blanks	550	555	686	592	2383
(Vote for One)		Sundry Write-ins	1	3	1	3	8
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
QUESTIONS							
#1) Would eliminate the requirement that the state's gasoline tax, which was 24 cents per gallon as of Sept.2013, (1) be adjusted every year by the percentage change in the Consumer Price index over the preceeding year, but (2) not be adjusted below 21.5 cents per gallon.							
			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Yes			592	687	752	572	2603
No			627	584	629	676	2516
Blanks			46	23	54	33	156
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
#2) Would expand the state's beverage container deposit law, also know as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover							
			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Yes			420	351	309	489	1569
No			825	932	1118	778	3653
Blanks			20	11	8	14	53
		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275

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containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aspectis multi-material package such as juice boxes or pouches.							
The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents.							
The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2 1/4 cents as of September 2013, to 3 1/2 cents. It would also increase the minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay dristributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which was 1 cent as of September 2013, to 3 1/2 cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred byredemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and that is not ancillary other business. The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The prosed law would would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage							
#3) The proposed law would (1) prohibit							
the Massachusetts Gaming Commission			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
from issuing any license for a casino or other	Yes	525	481	492	524	2022	
gaming establishment with table games and	No	713	803	926	735	3177	
slot machines, or any license for a gaming	Blanks	27	10	17	22	76	
establishment with slot machines; (2) prohibit		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
any such casino or slots gaming under any such licenses that the Commission migh have before the proposed law took effect; (3) prohibit wagering on the simulcast of live greyhound races. The proposed law would change the definition of "illegal gaming" under Massachusetts law to include wageing on the simulcasting of live greyhound races, as well as table games and slot machines at Commission-licensed casinos, and slot machines at other Commissioned-licensed establishemnts. This would make those types of gaming subject to existing state laws providing criminal penalties for, or otherwise regulating or prohibiting, activities involving illegal gaming.							
#4) This proposed law would entitle employees							
in Massachusetts to earn sick time according			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
to certain conditions. Employees who work for	Yes	766	718	774	852	3110	
employers having eleven or more employees	No	463	563	630	406	2062	
could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid	Blanks	36	13	31	23	103	
sick leave per calendar year, while employees		Total	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
worker for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year.							
An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent or parent of spouse; or (3) to address the effect of domestic violence on the employee or the employee's dependent child. Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to used earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.							
The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required by the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used.							
Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but could not use more							

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than 40 hours in a calendar year. Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee. Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking of or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable. Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on an employee's exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee's support of another employee's exercise of such rights. The proposed law would not override employers' obligations under any contraact or benefit plan with more generous provisions than those in the propsed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time. The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multilingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time. The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in efect.							
#5) THIS QUESTION IS NON BINDING		<u>Prec. A Only</u>					
Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow the state to regulate and tax marijuana in the same manner as alcohol?			A			TOTAL	
		Yes	806			806	
		No	292			292	
		Blanks	167			167	
		Total	1265			1265	
		Registered Voters	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Democrat	649	612	635	761	2657
		Republican	300	363	403	254	1320
		Unenrolled	1284	1351	1488	1343	5466
		All Others	13	20	10	17	60
		TOTAL	2246	2346	2536	2375	9503
		Voted on 11/4/2014	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		56% Voted	1265	1294	1435	1281	5275
Attest:							
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte							
Town Clerk							



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 12, 2014 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium.

FY14

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:00PM

Registered voters present – 179 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$7,000	Snow & Ice Removal
Free Cash	\$50,000	Snow & Ice Removal
Professional Engineering	\$10,625	Snow & Ice Removal
Road Machinery	\$2,500	Lawrence Memorial Hall
Printing Annual Report	\$350	Finnerty House
Injured On Duty Account	\$5,000	Town Garage
Unemployment	\$5,800	Senior Center Building
Street Lighting	\$1,250	Recreation Building
Medicare-Town Share	\$6,200	Fire Station
Town Accountant Wage	\$1,000	Tadgell Building
EMS Building	\$150	Old Town Hall
Workers' Compensation	\$5,000	Police Station
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$25,800	WWTP Expense
Election & Registration Expense	\$2,279	Election & Registration Wage

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer to the Route 181 sewer line replacement project the balance of funds, \$85,426.23, appropriated under Article 18 of the 12/7/98 Town Meeting and Article 19 of the 12/7/98 Town Meeting for the Pine Valley Plantation and Springfield Road sewer projects, respectively, which funds are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were appropriated.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate \$212,500 to pay for the costs of acquiring, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, a certain parcel of land known as the Gerrish property, which consists of approximately 90 acres of land above water, together with all flowage and other rights and easements appurtenant thereto, and shown on the Town of Belchertown Assessor Map 219 as Lot #31.2, and that to meet this appropriation, transfer \$16,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, transfer \$49,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve, and borrow the balance, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said amount under and pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44B, G.L.

c. 44, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that no funds shall be expended hereunder until the Town shall have received or been allotted a LAND grant in the amount of \$133,650 as described below; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said parcel by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, with the care, custody, and control of said parcel to be held by the Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8C, as it may hereafter be amended, and other Massachusetts statutes related to conservation; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission each to apply, on behalf of the Town, for grants and/or reimbursements from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant program (Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any federal and/or other state programs, including those in aid of the acquisition of conservation land and/or in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission each to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Belchertown to affect said acquisition.

(Article 3 was *Not* Endorsed by Finance Committee 0-3-1 No)

(Vote – 2/3 required – 2/3 Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Attest:

William R. Barnett

Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 12, 2014
FY14**

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING
1	\$122,954.00	\$7,000.00 from Health Insurance-Town Share to Snow & Ice Removal; \$50,000.00 from Free cash to Snow & Ice Removal; \$10,625.00 from Professional Engineering to Snow & Ice Removal; \$2,500.00 from Road Machinery to Lawrence Memorial Hall; \$350.00 from Printing Annual Report to Finnerty House; \$5,000.00 from Injured on Duty Account to Town Garage; \$5,800.00 from Unemployment to Senior Center Building; \$1,250.00 from Street Lighting to Recreation Building; 6,200.00 from Medicare-Town Share to Fire Station; \$1,000.00 from Town Accountant Wage to Tadgell Building; \$150.00 EMS Building to Old Town Hall; \$5,000.00 from Workers' Compensation to Police Station; \$25,800.00 from Health Insurance-Town Share to WWTP Expense; \$2,279.00 from Election Registration Expense to Election & Registration Wage.	
2	\$85,426.23	\$85,426.23 from balance appropriated under Article 18 of the 12/7/1998 Town Meeting & Article 19 of the 12/7/1998 Town Meeting for Pine Valley Plantation and Springfield Rd. sewer projects, respectively to the Route 181 sewer line replacement project.	
3	\$212,500.00	\$16,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund Balance and \$49,000.00 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve to acquire a parcel of land known as the Gerrish property, Assessor Map 219 as Lot #312.	\$147,500.00
TOTAL	\$420,880.23	\$273,380.23	\$147,500.00

Attest: William R. Barnett

Town Clerk



Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 12, 2014 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

Moderator – Frances J. South
Meeting called to order 7:30PM

Registered voters present – 200 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was performed by the Belchertown High School Concert Choir

Selectman William R. Barnett presented the Citizen of the Year Award to David M. Haines

Selectman Ronald E. Aponte presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Paul M. Silva

Selectman Ronald E. Aponte presented the Employee of the Year Award to Theresa A. Rothwell

Selectman Kenneth E. Elstein presented the William "Gerry" Whitlock Award to William R. Barnett

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and the following individual as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund: Ken Snow for a one year term; Carol Wagner for three years.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee. (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

➤ Assessors	\$9.29
➤ Board of Health Members	\$7.25

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for

the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,730,519 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,018,063 and appropriate the sum of \$625,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of \$3,643,063 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-0-2 Yes) (Vote – unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,398,175, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$200,000, for a total appropriation of \$26,598,175 for the Town School Department each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,116,631 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,622,883 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$259,776 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$1,887 for a total appropriation of \$261,663 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$205,961 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$1,415,139 for a total appropriation of \$1,621,100 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$823,680 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$714,578 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$726,030 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being

considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,255,629, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$450,000 for a total appropriation of \$3,705,629 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,123 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,372,696 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 10

Voted to authorized the use of the following funds pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and the direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	\$25,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	\$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purch.	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	\$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Director	Operating Town Beach Concession	\$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Director	Operating Town Beach	\$50,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Director	Pool Programs	\$130,000	None
Tween and up Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Director	Tween and up programs	\$25,000	None
Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	\$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	\$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	\$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11

Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner.

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

- **Replace** Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart as follows:

Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Director of Public Works	\$82,609-\$105,454
Fire Chief	\$82,609-\$105,454
Director of Information Technology	\$68,841-\$87,879
Town Planner	\$68,841-\$87,879
Town Treasurer-Collector	\$65,563-\$83,694
Town Accountant	\$65,563-\$83,694
Building Commissioner	\$65,563-\$83,694
Director of Assessments	\$65,563-\$83,694
Conservation Administrator	\$63,041-\$80,475
Council on Aging Executive Director	\$63,041-\$80,475
Director of Parks & Recreation	\$63,041-\$80,475
Veterans' Agent	\$59,196-\$75,566

- **Under** Classified Nonexempt Employees, amend the following titles:

- Certified Pool Operator **to** Certified Pool Operator/Maintenance
- Council on Aging Receptionist/Dispatch Supervisor **to** Council on Aging Receptionist/Transportation Coordinator
- Head of Circulation and Reference **to** Circulation and Reference Librarian
- Maintenance Department Working Foreman **to** Buildings & Grounds Foreman
- Director of Emergency Medical Services **to** Fire Captain/EMS Director

- **Amend** the following title and grade:

- Assistant Cook (Grade 3) **to** Cook and Assistant Elder Nutrition Program Coordinator (Grade 4)

- **Remove** the following title:

- Technical Office Assistant

- **Insert** the following titles and grades:

- Technical Office Assistant – Inspection Services (Grade 5)
- Technical Office Assistant – Planning (Grade 5)
- Technical Office Assistant – Assessing (Grade 6)
- EMT – Intermediate (Grade 5)
- EMT – Paramedic (Grade 6)
- Firefighter/Paramedic (Grade 7)

- In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

- **Remove** compensation charts ending August 31, 2013 and June 30, 2014, and insert the following chart effective **July 1, 2014 to end June 30, 2015:**

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	10.75	11.05	11.34	11.66	11.97	12.31	12.65	12.99	13.35	13.72
2	13.97	14.35	14.75	15.16	15.58	16.00	16.44	16.89	17.36	17.84
3	16.07	16.51	16.96	17.43	17.91	18.40	18.91	19.43	19.96	20.51
4	18.47	18.98	19.50	20.04	20.59	21.17	21.75	22.34	22.96	23.58
5	20.33	20.88	21.46	22.05	22.65	23.28	23.92	24.57	25.26	25.95
6	22.36	22.97	23.60	24.26	24.92	25.60	26.31	27.03	27.77	28.54
7	24.59	25.27	25.96	26.68	27.41	28.16	28.94	29.73	30.55	31.40
8	25.58	26.28	27.00	27.74	28.51	29.29	30.10	30.93	31.77	32.65
9	26.60	27.34	28.08	28.86	29.65	30.47	31.30	32.16	33.05	33.96
10	28.46	29.24	30.05	30.88	31.72	32.60	33.50	34.41	35.36	36.33

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 12

Citizen Petition: There was a motion made by Max Bock to see if the Town of Belchertown will vote to withdraw from the Hampshire Council of Governments, the effective date of said withdrawal to be July 1, 2014, and to acknowledge, pursuant to the Administrative Code of the Legislative, Charter & Code Committee of the Hampshire Council of Governments, that all obligations of the Town of Belchertown to the Hampshire Council of Governments will be met up until said effective date, and that the Town of Belchertown's allocable share of the fiscal obligations of said Council will remain a responsibility of the Town.

"Much Discussion" A motion was made by Ronald Aponte to take no action. (Vote – Yes 98, No 71 - Majority Yes – Take No Action)

Article 13

Voted to increase the charge for each written demand issued by the Collector from \$5.00 to \$10.00 which will be added to and collected as part of the tax as authorized under MGL Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of July 1, 2014. (Endorsed by Finance 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure for a parcel of land located on Sargent Street as shown on Assessors Map 237, Lot 100 and assessed to James N. and Catherine M. Hayward as authorized by MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C.
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 15

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease contract of up to five years for Department of Public Works vehicle leases. (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 16

Voted to authorize the School Committee to enter into a lease contract of up to five years for technology hardware and infrastructure. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17

Voted to authorize and approve a 20 year Tax Agreement pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 38H (b), MGL Chapter 160, Section 1, or any other enabling legislation, between the Town and Housatonic Solar 1, LLC for a solar facility to be installed, owned and operated by Housatonic Solar 1, LLC on land located on Springfield Road, and shown on Assessors Map 255-126, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18

Voted to amend Code of Belchertown, Chapter 15 – Animals as previously amended, by:

- In Article 1, §15-11. Citations, Section A (3) – Penalty: Add the words "and failure to vaccinate against rabies," after the words vicious dogs.

The new language will read: Penalty. A penalty for violation of this article may be levied to the maximum of \$50 for each offense, except for vicious dogs and failure to vaccinate against rabies, for which the maximum penalty is \$100, to be paid to the Town Clerk. Each day of a continuing offense shall be considered a separate violation. The enforcing persons for violation of this article are the Animal Control Officer and any police officer of the Town.

- In Article 1, §15-14. Impoundment and release, Section C – Change the number of days impounded dogs are kept from 10 days to 7 days.
- In Article 1, §15-14. Impoundment and Release, Section F – Change the number of days dogs not claimed become property of the Town from 10 days to 7 days.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 19

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, by adding the following concerning medical marijuana:

1. To Article VII, §145-2, Definitions, add:

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MMTC): A use operated by a non-profit entity registered and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in accordance with 105 CMR 725.000, and pursuant to all other applicable state laws and regulations, also to be known as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD), that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. An MMTC shall explicitly include facilities which cultivate and process medical marijuana, and which may also dispense and deliver medical marijuana and related products.

and

Medical Marijuana Off-Site Dispensary (MMOD): A medical marijuana facility that is located off-site from any cultivation/processing facility that is controlled and operated by the same registered and approved MMTC but which serves only to dispense the processed marijuana, related supplies and educational materials to patients registered and qualified under the provisions of 105 CMR 725.00 or their personal caregivers.

2. To Article VII, §145-11, Schedule of Uses, Industrial Uses, add the new item 9 *Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MMTC)*, with “N” in all zones except I (Industrial). Under Industrial add “SP/P” and “PA”.
 3. To Article VII, §145-11, Schedule of Uses, Business Uses, add the new item 47 *Medical Marijuana Off-Site Dispensary (MMOD)*, with “N” in all zones except B2 (General Business). Under B2 add “SP/P” and “PA”.
- (Endorsed Planning Board, Unanimous Yes) (Vote – 2/3/ Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 20

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, concerning site plan approval and business regulations by adding the following:

1. To Article VII, §145-27, Site plan approval, Item E1(c), add the clause “...and a set of architectural renderings and materials lists for proposed construction consistent with §145-41 (Commercial development and architectural design)”.
2. To Article VII, §145-27, Site plan approval, Item F1, add the new item (h) “The site plan shall demonstrate compliance with §145-41 (Commercial development architectural design).”
3. To Article IX. Business Regulations, to §145-41, add the words “Commercial Development” to the title to fully read “§145-41. Commercial Development Architectural design”.
4. To Article IX. Business Regulations, to §145-41, add the sentence “Commercial development must also adhere to *Commercial Development and Architectural Design Guidelines*.”

(Endorsed by Planning Board, Unanimous Yes) (Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law by inserting into the pertinent sections of the by-law provisions and regulations governing accessory apartments:

Insert into Article I, §145-2, Definitions, the following definition:

Accessory Apartment. An accessory apartment shall mean a separate housekeeping unit, complete with its own sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities, that is smaller than the principal dwelling unit and separated from it in a manner that maintains the appearance of the primary structure as a single-unit dwelling.

Insert into Article III, §145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, the following line:

Zone District VR AG-B LR MDR AG-A B-2 B-1 I MHP LI

RESIDENTIAL USES

5. Accessory apartment SP/P SP/P SP/P N SP/P N N N N N

and renumber the subsequent existing items accordingly.

Insert into Article VII Special Use Regulations, Section 145-30, then renumber subsequent sections accordingly, the proposed new §145-30 as on file with the Town Clerk and Planning Board (and as printed below):

Accessory Apartments

A. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The provision of accessory apartments is intended to:

- Provide housing options for residents who cannot afford, or who do not desire, a single-unit house with land, for example, young adults and senior citizens; and
- Provide older owners with a means of obtaining rental income, companionship, security and services, and thereby enable them to stay more comfortably in houses and neighborhoods they might otherwise be forced to leave;
- Encourage a more economic and energy-efficient use of the town's housing supply while maintaining the appearance and character of the town's residential neighborhoods;
- Protect the stability, property values, and the single-unit residential character of a neighborhood by ensuring that accessory apartments are installed only in owner-occupied houses and are properly permitted and inspected;
- Add moderately-priced rental units to the housing stock to meet the needs of smaller households and make housing units available to moderate income households who might otherwise have difficulty finding housing;
- To provide housing units for persons with disabilities.

B. PROCEDURE

The Planning Board may issue a special permit for one apartment accessory to the use of a single-unit dwelling, provided each of the following conditions is met:

1. There shall be no more than one accessory apartment on an individual parcel of land, regardless of the parcel's area;
2. The owner of the residence in which the accessory unit is created must continue to occupy at least one of the dwelling units as his or her primary residence. The special permit for the accessory apartment may be revoked by the Planning Board if the owner no longer occupies one of the dwelling units;
3. Up to 33 percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling, not to exceed 600 square feet maximum gross floor area, may be permitted for the accessory apartment; to provide for development of housing units for disabled individuals, the Planning Board may allow reasonable deviation from the stated conditions when necessary to install features that facilitate access and mobility for disabled persons.
4. The accessory apartment shall have only one bedroom;
5. There is no outward evidence that the premises are being used for more than one residential unit. That is:
 - a. All stairways to apartments should be enclosed within the exterior walls of the dwelling. Otherwise, they must not be apparent from the street.
 - b. Any new entrance shall be located on the side or in the rear of the dwelling.
 - c. Where there are two or more existing entrances on the front facade of a dwelling, if modifications are made to any entrance, the result shall be that one entrance appears more prominent than the others.
 - d. The accessory apartment must use the same driveway as the main dwelling unit;
6. The accessory apartment must have the same street address as the main dwelling unit, but with the designation "A" for the apartment, for example, if the house is #123, the accessory apartment would be #123A.
7. Accessory apartments are allowed only in the AG-A, AG-B, LR, and VR zones, and only with a special permit from the Planning Board.

8. Special permits issued under this section shall specify that the owner must occupy one of the dwelling units. Prior to the occupancy of the accessory apartment, the special permit must be recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds or Land Court, as appropriate, in the chain of title to the property, with documentation of the recording provided to the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer.
9. When there is a transfer of ownership of a property with a permitted accessory apartment, the new owner may apply for transfer of the special permit for an accessory apartment by submitting a notarized letter of application stating that the new owner shall occupy one of the dwelling units on the premises. In extenuating circumstances of transfer, such as, but not limited to, inheritance, bankruptcy, or foreclosure, the owner may request the Planning Board modify the owner-occupancy requirement to allow reasonable time to establish occupancy. The period of owner non-residency will normally not exceed one year. During the non-residency period, the owner shall not be allowed to rent both units.
10. Prior to issuance of an accessory apartment special permit, a floor plan must be submitted showing the building, including proposed interior and exterior changes to the building.

C. APARTMENTS CREATED BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF THIS BYLAW

To ensure that accessory apartments in existence before the adoption of this bylaw comply with the Massachusetts building code:

1. Apartments that lawfully existed before the adoption of this bylaw, but do not strictly conform to the terms of this bylaw, are exempt from the terms of this bylaw for the life of the current special permit.
2. The Planning Board may authorize, under a special permit and in conjunction with the building inspector, an accessory apartment in an owner-occupied single-unit dwelling. The board shall review each existing apartment on its individual merits to determine if the dwelling conforms to the Massachusetts building code. The applicant must follow the same procedure described in this bylaw, including the submission of a notarized letter declaring owner-occupancy. (Endorsed by Planning Board, Unanimous Yes)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22

Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$2,000 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2015; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- \$30,422 from FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
- \$30,422 from FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
- \$30,422 from FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing,

And to appropriate and transfer \$51,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 26 at the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting,

And to appropriate and transfer \$36,050 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 29 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting,

And further to appropriate and transfer \$41,190 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 33 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote Majority Yes)

Article 23

Voted to appropriate and transfer \$40,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of creating and rehabilitating Jessica's Boundless Playground, such funds to be used to prepare the recreational land and equip and install recreational facilities thereon,

with such funds to be expended under the direction of the School Department. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

- Article 24** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$4,900 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve for the grave stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Hillcrest Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans' Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 25** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$35,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of creating, preserving and rehabilitating recreational facilities by designing and constructing a new skate park at the existing skate park location, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Skate Park Committee. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)
- Article 26** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$4,900 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of preserving and rehabilitating Foley Field by installing a fence, gate and pedestrian pathway at the entrance of said field to secure said field and protect the playing surfaces thereof, with said funds to be expended under the direction of Recreation Department. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 27** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$23,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve for the purpose of rehabilitating the historic St. Francis Parish office building located at 10 Park Street, within the Belchertown Historic District, by replacing 66 windows with historically accurate windows approved by the Belchertown Historic District Commission, pursuant to a grant agreement with the St. Francis Parish, and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall require a historic preservation restriction to be imposed on the property and set forth the other terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said restriction. Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Yes)
- Article 28** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$35,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of preserving and rehabilitating the historic Clapp Memorial Library, located at 19 South Main Street, by preserving the wood trim and detail, including the dormers and cupola, repairing the upper windows thereof, painting the windows, casings, dormers, cupola and trim, and other work related thereto. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 29** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$60,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve for the purpose of acquiring, creating and/or supporting community housing by granting such funds to HAP Housing to provide first-time homebuyers earning no more than eighty percent (80%) of the area median income with assistance with down-payments and/or closing costs to enable such buyers to purchase homes, pursuant to a grant agreement with HAP Housing, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes) “Much Discussion” A motion was made to “Move the Question”. (Vote – 2/3 required – 2/3 Yes) A voted was taken on Article 29. (Vote – Majority Yes)
- Article 30** Voted to “Take No Action” to amend the Economic Development & Industrial Corporation’s Economic Development Plan.

**Town of Belchertown
Economic Development & Industrial Corporation
Economic Development Plan
May 12, 2014**

I. Overview

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation was established by an act , MGL 121 c, of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1992, for the purpose of transforming the former Belchertown State School after closing into an economic contributor to the Town and to the State through the creation of jobs and tax base resulting from new enterprise.

II. Economic Development Plan

A. Introduction

The Belchertown Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) has been working on redevelopment of the former State School property since acquiring it from the State in 2002. Under the terms of that acquisition, such redevelopment must be in accord with a Town-approved Economic Development Plan. The 2001 Annual Town Meeting approved the first BEDIC Economic Development Plan, which was valid for seven years. That plan was approved at Town Meeting in 2009 and is being submitted to the Town for renewal of approval so the development of the property may continue. The revised Economic Development Plan now covers only the portion of the property originally acquired from the State which is still owned by the BEDIC.

B. Project History

Since the original Economic Development Plan was approved by Town Meeting in 2001, several changes to the project area have occurred through transfers and sales.

Six individual lots on Parcels B and D, totaling 14.1 acres, have been sold to individual developers to date. Parcel E, 43 acres, has experienced near complete development with multiple businesses and public facilities already established. Although development of Parcel E and one of the lots on Parcel B continues, these six sales have produced a total assessed evaluation of \$12,441,000 (in 2013 value) and 132 full-time and another 73 part-time jobs for the community. The BEDIC also transferred a 66 acre Foley Field-Lake Wallace parcel to the Town for recreation.

C. Site Description

The property, when initially conveyed from the State to the BEDIC, comprised four parcels, B, C, D and E, totaling approximately 272 acres (see Map 1). Following subsequent sales and transfers to the Town and State, the BEDIC still owns the majority of two parcels, B and D, totaling approximately 95 acres. This is what now comprises the "Site" (see Map). The Site is owned outright and managed by the BEDIC. It encompasses the majority of the main campus of the former State School complex (on Parcel B), as well as the remainder of the partially-developed Parcel D on the east side of Route 21.

D. Site Location and Access

The site under control of the EDIC remains in two (2) parcels: Parcel B and Parcel D. Parcel B is located between State Street, Route 202 and Jackson Street. It is accessed from Route 202 or Jackson Street.

Parcel D is located on Turkey Hill Road, Route 21, just south of its junction with Route 202. Access is from Route 21.

E. Proposed Development

It is the intent of the BEDIC to continue to work with the State, the Town, local and regional boards and groups and appropriate business interests to create and implement a viable set of development projects resulting in increased Town tax revenue, the creation of new jobs and/or retention of existing jobs in the area. In addition, selected portions of the Site may be developed for recreational or other uses which will be of benefit to the Town. As this development continues, the BEDIC will transfer ownership of parcels of the property using established guidelines and processes to serve the best interests of the Town of Belchertown.

On Parcel D, the BEDIC will continue to work toward an approved subdivision plan which will permit the sale and development of additional lots. Efforts will also continue to achieve the redevelopment of parcel B. At this point, however, the vast majority of the area remaining for redevelopment in Parcel B consists of the main campus with its contaminated buildings and tunnels. Discussions and negotiations with potential developers over the past years have indicated clearly that private funding for redevelopment of this area will not be available until that contamination has been remediated; private investors are simply unwilling to assume the cost, and the risk of such an extensive decontamination effort. Fortunately, thanks to the efforts of our legislative delegation, State funding of \$10 million for remediation has been authorized for bonding and has been further approved by the Governor. This funding has not yet been released for remediation of the site. When released it will be administered by Mass Development and will be an important aid in achieving further redevelopment of the campus area.

Although details of further development remain to be defined, for the present the BEDIC will continue to pursue site development in a coordinated approach. The BEDIC supports the concept of mixed use and multiple individual businesses, either under the guidance of a master developer or as a series of separate but coordinated projects. This might include projects such as: offices, retail businesses, light industry, appropriate residential such as assisted living, related continuum of care units, health facilities, "live/work" units, recreation, tourism and technology and education projects. Further expansion of municipal facilities may also be possible. We believe that the resource which was the former Belchertown State School is critical to the Town's future and we are committed to promoting the best and most appropriate development of the property.

F. Site Resources and Infrastructure

Parcel D is wooded and undeveloped.

Parcel B is the remainder of the "main campus" of the former State School and contains all the remaining buildings, paved and unpaved roads and fields. There are unused service tunnels throughout the property. The property is closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The site is contaminated in many areas and the buildings are closed.

G. Zoning

Parcel B is zoned primarily as Business B with a smaller area zoned as Agricultural A. The entire parcel is covered by a zoning district as a "Business Neighborhood Center" zone, approved by Town Meeting in 2014. Parcel D is zoned entirely "Agricultural A". Zoning changes may be requested by the EDIC depending on the nature of the proposals for development which are received.

H. The Role of the Town, MassDevelopment and the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM)

The EDIC works closely with the leadership of the Town and with Town departments and boards to plan and approve development proposals. The parcels under BEDIC management have current subdivision plans approved by the Planning Board. These plans provide a general guide for the sale of lots for business. The plan is amended from time to time to accommodate specific needs of a particular project to allow for sufficient area, access or location. Further modifications of the plans will be developed with our Agent and current Master Developer, MassDevelopment.

For each area of either parcel a purchase and sale agreement is entered into by the EDIC with a purchaser. That specific sale must be certified by the Planning Board as being in keeping with this Town approved article. That certification is forwarded to the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management. DCAM then gives final approval to the transfer of the designated parcel.

A motion was made to Take no Action. (Vote – Unanimous – Take No Action)

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM
Attest: William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2014
FY15**

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None					
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases.	100.00	100.00			
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	30,000.00	30,000.00			
6	None					
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	2,500.00				\$2,500.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Development Acct.
8	None					
9	Itemized Budget					
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	1,730,519.00				
	1. Moderator, Salary		0			
	Expenses		0			
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		12,600.00			
	Wages		0			
	Expenses		4,516.00			
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		100,718.00			
	Wages		107,830.00			
	Expenses		8,718.00			
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		68,445.00			
	Wages		105,570.00			
	Expenses		30,955.00			
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		63,482.00			
	Wages		57,500.00			
	Expenses		13,740.00			
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		68,445.00			
	Wages		163,420.00			
	Expenses		43,780.00			
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		77,960.00			
	Wages		63,425.00			
	Expenses		146,094.00			
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)		3,200.00			
	Assessor (Salary)		68,445.00			
	Wages		188,705.00			
	Expenses		18,830.00			
	Field Review Update		0			
	9. Law Account, Fees		91,300.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	10. Finance Committee, Wages Expenses		0 250.00			
	11. Election & Registration, Salary Wages Expenses		450.00 24,000.00 17,750.00			
	12. Planning Board, Salary Wages Expenses		69,943.00 29,565.00 3,180.000			
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages Expenses		2,000.00 695.00 390.00			
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		100.00			
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		1,500.00			
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		500.00			
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses					
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary Wages Expenses		63,736.00 7,092.00 1,690.00			
	18A. Lake Committee Expenses		0			
	PUBLIC SAFETY	3,643,063.00				
	19. Police Department, Salary Wages Expenses		92,085.00 1,608,954.00 357,061.00			
	20. Emergency Medical Svcs. Wages Expenses		0 0 83,091.00			
	21. Fire Department, Salary Full Time Wages		0 0			
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		396,575.00			\$625,000.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		253,378.00 8,000.00			
	24. Dog Officer Salary Asst. Dog Officer Salary Wages Expenses		25,156.00 26,950.00 3,600.00 10,900.00 11,260.00			
	25. Inspection Services, Salary Wages Expenses		66,613.00 59,380.00 13,500.00 350.00			
	26. Civil Defense, Wages Expenses		1,210.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	26,598,175.00				
	27. Town School Department					
	Foundation Spending		24,647,974.00	200,000.00		
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,750,201.00			
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	1,116,631.00				
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District					
	Net Budget		1,116,631.00			
	DPW – Highways	1,622,883.00				
	29. Highways/Personnel		91,048.00			
	Salary					
	Wages		654,490.00			
	Uniforms		13,000.00			
	Expenses		750.00			
	30. Highway Admin., Expenses		17,200.00			
	31. Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		242,000.00			
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		180,500.00			
	33. Hired Services, Expenses		145,500.00			
	34. Street Lighting, Expenses		42,600.00			
	35. Streets/Construction Expenses		155,240.00			
	36. Professional Engineering, Expenses		52,000.00			
	37. Town Garage, Expenses		28,555.00			
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL	1,882,763.00				
	38. Transfer Station (Total)					
	Wages					\$80,015.00 from Landfill Receipts
	Expenses					\$179,761.00 from Landfill Receipts, \$1,887.00 Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Hazardous Waste Day					
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund					
	Wages					\$205,961.00 Sewer Enterprise free cash, \$41,309.00 from Sewer receipts
	Expenses					\$518,610.00 from Sewer Receipts
	Maturing Debt					\$739,766.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt Interest					\$115,454.00 from Sewer receipts
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	823,680.00				
	40. Board of Health, Salary		2,825.00			
	Wages		5,000.00			
	Expenses		8,646.00			
	41. Council on Aging, Salary		63,181.00			
	Wages		372,240.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	41. Cont'd Expenses		44,140.00			
	42. Veterans Services, Agent Salary Expenses		54,638.00			
			2,080.00			
	Veterans Benefits		241,000.00			
	43. Veterans Graves - Expenses					
			2,180.00			
	44. DPW - Cemetery Department - Wages		0			
			27,650.00			
	45. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		100.00			
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	714,578.00				
	46. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		66,613.00			
	Wages		241,850.00			
	Expenses		97,346.00			
	47. Parks and Recreation, Salary		63,181.00			
	Wages		208,779.00			
	Expenses		6,855.00			
	48. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		28,154.00			
	49. Parks & Recreation Beach Expenses		1,800.00			
	50. Teen Center, Wages					
	Expenses					
	51. Family Center, Expenses		0			
	DPW - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	726,030.00				
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		338,585.00			
	Expenses		79,980.00			
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		48,280.00			
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		2,850.00			
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00			
	56. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		9,110.00			
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		11,060.00			
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		51,365.00			
	59. DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		25,560.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		56,315.00			
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		11,880.00			
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		23,935.00			
	63. DPW-Everett Ave Prop., Expenses		0.00			
	64. DPW-Fire Station - Expenses		39,670.00			
	65. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		500.00			
	66. DPW-Tagell/MEME Space, Expenses		26,340.00			
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE	3,705,629.00				
	67. General Insurance, Expense				333,535.00	
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses				17,000.00	
	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses				8,000.00	
	70. Health insurance, Expenses		908,535.00		91,465.00	
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		4,000.00			
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		100,000.00			
	73. Pensions, Expenses		2,243,094.00			
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	55,123.00				
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00			
	75. Historical District, Expenses		348.00			
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00			
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		2,500.00			
	78. Unclassified Accts Expenses		51,475.00			
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	3,372,696.00				
	79. Interest, Expenses		682,696.00			
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,690,000.00			
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	3,750.00				
	81. Council of Governments, Assessment		3,750.00			
10-21	None					
22	Community Preservation Admin Expense	2,000.00				2,000.00 from FY15 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
(22 cont)	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	30,422.00				30,422.00 from FY15 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic Resources	30,422.00				30,422.00 from FY15 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	30,422.00				30,422.00 from FY15 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 26 of the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting.	51,000.00				51,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 29 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting	36,050.00				36,050.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 33 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting	41,190.00				41,190.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
23	For creating and rehabilitating Jessica's Boundless Playground, such funds be used to prepare recreational land and equip & install recreational facilities	40,000.00				40,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
24	For the Grave Stone preservation & restoration project at historic Hillcrest Cemetery	4,900.00				4,900.00 from Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve
25	For the creating, preserving and rehabilitating recreational facilities by designing & constructing a new Skate Park	35,000.00				35,000.00 from the Community Preservation Balance
26	For preserving & rehabilitating Foley Field by installing a fence, gate & pedestrian pathway to secure field & protect playing surfaces	4,900.00				4,900.00 from Community Preservation Fund Balance
27	For rehabilitating the historic St. Francis Parish Office building at 10 Park St., replacing 66 windows approved by the Belchertown Historic District Committee.	23,000.00				23,000.00 from the Community Preservation Historic reserve
28	For preserving & rehabilitating the historic Clapp Memorial Library, preserving wood trim & detail, including dormers, cupola and trim	35,000.00				35,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
29	For acquiring, creating and/or supporting community housing by granting funds to HAP Housing to provide 1 st time homebuyers with assistance with down payment and/or closing costs.	60,000.00				60,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve
30	None					
TOTAL		\$46,452,426	\$42,867,857.00	\$200,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$2,934,569.00

Attest:
William R. Barnett, Town Clerk



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held December 1, 2014 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium.

Moderator – Frances J. South
Meeting called to order 7:05PM

Registered voters present – 110 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Town Clerk Wage	\$79.00	Town Administrator Salary
Town Clerk Wage	\$927.00	Conservation Comm. Salary
Fire Department Wage	\$2,537.00	Fire Department Salary
Police Department Wage	\$1,176.00	Dog Officer Wage
Fire Department Wage	\$2,560.00	Council on Aging Salary
Fire Department Wage	\$5,120.00	Council on Aging Wage
Fire Department Wage	\$17,217.00	Veterans' Agent Salary
Fire Department Wage	\$2,560.00	Recreation Dept. Salary
Fire Department Wage	\$1,600.00	Recreation Dept. Wage
Fire Department Wage	\$40,000.00	Unemployment

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$550,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 3 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan under Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, as follows:

Remove and Replace salary range for Veterans' Agent to read: \$60,616 - \$77,380
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to accept the altered layout of Berkshire Avenue, and the layout of the Berkshire Avenue extension, as a public way, as heretofore altered and laid out by the Board of Selectmen, all as shown on a plan entitled “Berkshire Avenue Alteration Roadway Acceptance Plan’ Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA Prepared for Town of Belchertown Department of Public Works,” prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, LLC, dated November 4, 2014, and on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in the altered layout of Berkshire Avenue and in the Berkshire Avenue extension for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Belchertown, and any and all drainage, utility, access, and/or other easements related thereto. (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 5 A motion was made and seconded to accept the amendment of Article 5 which corrected typos and did not change the original article intention.
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law as previously amended, by deleting in its entirety Article XIV, §145-72 through §145-81, Business and Technology Park, by substituting therefore the proposed new Article XIV, §145-72 through §145-81, Business Neighborhood Center, as on file with the Town Clerk and Planning Board and as printed below; to amend the zoning map to show the new zone of Business Neighborhood Center to include in their entirety assessors map parcels 243-178.14, 243-178.13, 243-178.12, 243-178.11, 243-178.10, 243-178, 243-178.02, 243-243, 243-244, and 250-56; to amend Article I, §145-2, Definitions by adding the definition "Memory Care Unit -- a care unit in a designated, separate area for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia that is locked, segregated, or secured to prevent or limit access by a resident outside the designated or separated area"; and to amend Article III, §145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, to add a column BNC that refers to §145-77 for all uses in the BNC zone:

ARTICLE XIV

Business Neighborhood Center District

§ 145-72. Purpose.

The Business Neighborhood Center district is intended to result in vibrant diverse neighborhood that is integrated with and central to the whole community. Its design is to provide aesthetic consistency with the surrounding neighborhoods while contributing to the community's economic vitality. It contains elements such as open space buffers, and lot dimensions that vary from those permitted in other districts as noted in Article V of this chapter. It is to include current development technologies in the areas of energy efficiency, storm water management, transportation and building design and construction.

A. The purposes of the Business Neighborhood Center district are:

- (1) To provide flexibility for developers seeking to provide a community environment of mixed uses that includes businesses, certain residential opportunities and civic amenities;
- (2) To increase options for a vital mix of land uses;
- (3) To provide expeditious construction permitting;
- (4) To allow the relatively intensive use of land in an alternative pattern of development while maintaining existing character and by which the following benefits and objectives are likely to be attained, as described in Subsection B.

B. Benefits and Objectives of the Business Neighborhood Center district:

- (1) Improved business, employment and residential opportunities in Belchertown.
- (2) Economical and efficient street, utility and public facility installation, construction and maintenance through creative design.
- (3) Provision of open and civic spaces.
- (4) Efficient use of land in harmony with its natural features.
- (5) A cohesive sense of community character achieved through mixed uses and design.
- (6) Continuation of Belchertown's leadership in implementing improved energy and infrastructure technologies.

§ 145-73. Development method.

- A. Site plan approval by the planning board is required for each development in the Business Neighborhood Center.
- B. The parts of a development allowed under this article that are to become part of the town's infrastructure, such as roads, storm water management, utilities, parking and civic amenities, may be subject to Chapter 270, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown and other municipal laws and regulations, to be determined by the respective permitting authorities during reviews.

§ 145-74. Administration.

- A. To facilitate timely processing, promote better communication and avoid misunderstanding, applicants are encouraged to submit conceptual materials for informal review by the Planning Board prior to formal application for site plan approval.
- B. Site plan approval submission requirements. Each Business Neighborhood Center site plan approval application and plan shall provide the following information:
- (1) The location and specific boundaries of the project parcel or parcels.
 - (2) Signatures of authorized representatives of each entity with ownership interest and each applicant or applicants' agent involved in the project.
 - (3) Written approval from the appropriate governing body certifying the potential to connect to a public sewage system and a public water supply.
 - (4) Copies of all proposed covenants, easements, agreements and other restrictions the applicant proposes, in draft guideline form, not in final legal form.

- (5) Demonstration that the proposed development is consistent with this article.
- (6) Any and all other information the Planning Board may require to assist in determining whether the project site plan meets the objectives and standards as set forth in this article.

C. Review and approval process.

- (1) The review, notice and public hearing process for site plan approval in the Business Neighborhood Center district shall be conducted in the same manner as a special permit. After notice and public hearing in accordance with MGL c. 40A, §9, as amended, the Planning Board shall, after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Director of Public Works, Town Engineer, and any other reviewing authority, approve a site plan, provided that the conditions and standards of this article have been adequately met. The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions on its approval to ensure compliance with the conditions and standards of this article.
- (2) Site plan approval granted under this article shall lapse within 24 months if construction has not begun or is not continuing to proceed, except for a good cause shown with an extension approved by the Planning Board. An extension must be applied for at least 90 days prior to the expiration of the site plan approval.
- (3) Strict compliance with any zoning bylaw governing any individual aspect of a site plan under this article, other than the residential percentage cap, may be waived by the planning board where such action is not detrimental to the public good. In such cases, any waiver on a site plan with approval from the Planning Board supersedes the individual bylaw governing the waiver. If the applicant requests a waiver, it is incumbent upon the applicant to demonstrate the how the proposed waiver is not detrimental to the public good. The Planning Board reserves the right to request a waiver when the board deems it appropriate, even if the applicant does not request a waiver.

D. Fees.

- (1) Same as the current site plan filing fee.
- (2) The applicant shall pay all costs incurred by the Planning Board and for all consultants utilized by the Planning Board in considering the application for Site Plan approval, including but not limited to engineering, design and legal services. The Planning Board may require payment of such costs pursuant to G.L. c.44, §53G. The failure or refusal of an applicant to make such payments shall constitute grounds for denial of the application.

§ 145-75. Dimensional standards.

Lots and buildings in a Business Neighborhood Center shall meet dimensional standards that are appropriate to establish the desired form, mass, public space, and service needs of the sites, notwithstanding the requirements of Article V of this chapter. Recommended standards to establish a design basis are the following:

Minimum lot size	20,000 square feet
Minimum frontage	100 feet
Maximum lot coverage	80%
Minimum front setback*	10 feet
Minimum rear setback*	20 feet
Minimum side setback*	15 feet
Minimum lot width	100 feet
Maximum building height	60 feet or three stories, with story defined in §145-2.

Individual dimensional standards may be waived by the planning board upon the planning board's determination that lesser standards are consistent with the intent of this Business Neighborhood Center bylaw.

* Setbacks may be as low as 0 feet if the planning board deems such to be appropriate.

§ 145-76. Development Design.

A. Permitted uses and standards.

- (1) Buildings designed for business use, for residential use, for civic or non-profit use, or for mixed use may be constructed in a Business Neighborhood Center.
- (2) Multiple buildings on one parcel are permissible if they are deemed consistent with the intent of this article.

B. Overall district design requirements.

- (1) Pedestrian accommodations shall take precedence over vehicular accommodations.
- (2) Parking should be shared as much as possible to minimize curb cuts.
- (3) Solar canopies should be considered for parking lots.
- (4) Public transit accommodations, such as bus stops, must be integrated.
- (5) Lighting must provide a safe pedestrian environment and minimize light trespass. Lights must be aimed downward and not have exposed light sources.
- (6) Landscaping must use only plants native to this region. All reasonable attempts must be made to preserve healthy specimen trees.

C. Building design requirements.

- (1) Building design must be consistent with the planning board's Commercial Development Design Guidelines.
 - (2) Buildings should meet or exceed LEED or comparable "green" building standards for energy efficiency to the greatest extent possible and economically feasible.
 - (3) Physical maintenance of uses and buildings must be assured through restricted covenants acceptable to the planning board.
- D. Residential requirements. (See Article II for definitions of dwelling units). If any dwelling units are built, they must meet the following standards:
- (1) Residential development not affiliated with or ancillary to a Continuing Care Retirement Community, an Assisted Living, a Memory Care facility or live/work units is limited to 30% of a Business Neighborhood Center district's gross floor area as shown on a master plan for build out of the zone as approved by the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation. This applies to the entire district, not the individual parcels.
 - (2) Ten percent of all dwelling units must be permanently affordable and eligible to be listed on the Belchertown subsidized housing inventory ("SHI") maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, unless waived by the Planning Board. The applicant shall provide all documentation and cooperation reasonably necessary for the Town to add such units to the SHI.
 - (3) No detached single-unit dwelling is permitted.
 - (4) Dwelling units in a variety of types, such as townhouses and apartments are permissible.
 - (5) Upper-story apartments over businesses are encouraged.
 - (6) Live/work units, in which the residents also work in the units, such as studios, are encouraged and shall not count toward the 30% standard in §145-76D(1).

§ 145-77. Use standards.

Schedule of uses permitted by right within the Business Neighborhood Center district.

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|---|---|
| 1 Retail stores, boutiques | 21 Theatre, concert hall, cinema, except outdoor cinema |
| 2 Convenience stores | 22 Indoor sport, fitness and recreation facilities |
| 3 Service businesses | 23 Meeting hall, place of assembly, for-profit club |
| 4 Financial, medical and other professional offices | 24 Government offices |
| 5 For-profit, non-profit or ancillary child care facilities | 25 Municipal uses |
| 6 Clinics and health care facilities | 26 Library |
| 7 Hospital | 27 Educational uses |
| 8 Nursing home, elderly day care | 28 Art or craft center |
| 9 Continuing Care Retirement Community | 29 Museums, galleries, etc. |
| 10 Assisted Living | 30 Parks and recreation facilities |
| 11 Memory Care | 31 Public parking area or garage |
| 12 Residential units ancillary to items 7 through 11 | 32 Private club, not for profit |
| 13 Multiple-unit Dwelling | 33 Religious uses |
| 14 Live/work units | 34 Funeral establishment |
| 15 Inns and Small Lodging Houses | 35 Veterinary office/hospital (small animal) |
| 16 Motels | 36 Laboratory, research facility |
| 17 Hotels and conference centers | 37 Scientific research, development & manufacturing |
| 18 Restaurants | 38 Light manufacturing, fabrication & assembly |
| 19 Brew pubs, micro-brewery or smaller brewery | 39 Commercial food processing |
| 20 Entertainment venues, bars, night clubs | 40 Wholesale business - roofed |

§ 145-78. Other conditions.

- A. Subdivision of Land. If within the Business Neighborhood Center it is desired to create frontage for separate lots and infrastructure to be conveyed to the town, a separate subdivision application to the planning board must be made.
- B. All individual lots in a Business Neighborhood Center must front on ways that are either public ways or approved subdivision ways.
- C. Signs.
 - (1) Recognizing that signage needs are variable, sign size may vary by business or use in the district. The maximum allowed size for an individual sign in a Business Neighborhood Center is 80 square feet.

- (2) Within a Business Neighborhood Center, intersection directional signs may be erected with arrows indicating the businesses reached via the cross street, with each business sign not exceeding 6 inches high by 36 inches long, including the arrow.
- (3) Except as provided in §145-78C(1) and (2), signs shall conform with Article VI §145-22, Signs, of this chapter.

D. Parking.

- (1) Parking areas shared by uses is strongly encouraged. Such common parking areas may become municipal responsibilities. If a common parking area is to become the responsibility of the town, it is to be accepted in the same manner as other infrastructure conveyances. Publicly-owned parking may not be restricted to use or establishment. Privately-held common parking may be restricted to designated users.
- (2) On-street parking may be allowed in a Business Neighborhood Center with approval from the police department, the fire department, and the Board of Selectmen. When on-street parking is allowed, the number of off-street spaces required per parcel may be reduced. The amount of this reduction in off-street parking spaces is equal to the number of on-street spaces abutting the parcel's frontage. A Business Neighborhood Center is exempt from Article VI, §145-23(D3) regarding vehicles backing onto a public way. Where one-way streets are permitted, angle on-street parking is permitted. All parking must meet ADA requirements.
- (3) Parking areas should include solar canopies and electric car charging stations when practicable.

§ 145-79. Open space land.

A. Open Space in a Business Neighborhood Center:

- (1) Parcels on the district's external boundary must have a buffer of at least 30 feet wide on such external zone boundary.
- (2) Open space buffers may be naturally forested. Invasive species shall not be permitted to remain.
- (3) Buffers may be landscaped with native shrubs, trees and perennial plants.

B. A developer in a Business Neighborhood Center may be required to incorporate additional recreational or open space beyond the required buffer as an amenity.

C. The location, size and shape of open space shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board after recommendations have been received from the Conservation Commission or the Recreation Department.

D. The Planning Board may permit the following within the designated open space land:

- (1) Drainage may be allowed in the open space only if approved by the Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works and Planning Board. Percolation of storm water is strongly encouraged to purify the water and to recharge any aquifer.
- (2) Recreational facilities.

E. No more than 50% of the open space land, excluding the required 30-foot buffer, shall constitute wetland. The term "wetland" shall be limited to the definition of wetland as specified under MGL c. 131, §-40, the Wetlands Protection Act, as amended. The Belchertown Conservation Commission shall determine where the wetlands, if any, are located on the site.

§ 145-80. Amendments; recording of plan; covenant.

A. Minor amendments to site plan approval may be granted by the Planning Board upon application and for good cause shown but without necessity of a public hearing; provided, however, that any of the following shall be considered a major amendment and shall be acted upon under the procedures applicable to the initial Site Plan approval of:

- (1) Any change in the amount of shared parking and/or the creation of infrastructure intended to be assumed by the town;
- (2) Any alteration of building size of more than 400 square feet;
- (3) Any change in the general layout of the ways as provided in the approved site plan.

§ 145-81. Severability.

A determination that any specific portion of this Article XIV is invalid shall not render any other put thereof invalid. (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0-Yes) (Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 6

Voted to accept the amended Economic Development & Industrial Corporation's Economic Development Plan as follows:

**Town of Belchertown
Economic Development & Industrial Corporation**

Economic Development Plan

December 1, 2014

ARTICLE

FOR APPROVAL BY THE TOWN

I. Overview

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation was established by an act, MGL Chapter 121C, of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1992, for the purpose of transforming the former Belchertown State School after closing into an economic contributor to the Town and to the State through the creation of jobs and tax base resulting from new enterprise.

II. Economic Development Plan

A. Introduction

The Belchertown Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) has been working on redevelopment of the former State School property since acquiring it from the State in 2002. Under the terms of that acquisition, such redevelopment must be in accord with a Town-approved Economic Development Plan. The 2001 Annual Town Meeting approved the first BEDIC Economic Development Plan, which was valid for seven years. That plan was approved at Town Meeting in 2009 and is being submitted to the Town for renewal of approval so the development of the property may continue. The revised Economic Development Plan now covers only the portion of the property originally acquired from the State which is still owned by the BEDIC.

B. Project History

Since the original Economic Development Plan was approved by Town Meeting in 2001, several changes to the project area have occurred through transfers and sales.

Six individual lots on Parcels B and D, totaling 14.1 acres, have been sold to individual developers to date. Parcel E, 43 acres, has experienced near complete development with multiple businesses and public facilities already established. Although development of Parcel E and one of the lots on Parcel B continues, these six sales have produced a total assessed evaluation of \$12,441,000 (in 2013 value) and 132 full-time and another 73 part-time jobs for the community. The BEDIC also transferred a 66 acre Foley Field-Lake Wallace parcel to the Town for recreation.

C. Site Description

The property, when initially conveyed from the State to the BEDIC, comprised four parcels, B, C, D and E, totaling approximately 272 acres (see Map 1). Following subsequent sales and transfers to the Town and State, the BEDIC still owns the majority of two parcels, B and D, totaling approximately 95 acres. This is what now comprises the "Site" (see Map). The Site is owned outright and managed by the BEDIC. It encompasses the majority of the main campus of the former State School complex (on Parcel B), as well as the remainder of the partially-developed Parcel D on the east side of Route 21.

D. Site Location and Access

The site under control of the EDIC remains in two (2) parcels: Parcel B and Parcel D. Parcel B is located between State Street, Route 202 and Jackson Street. It is accessed from Route 202 or Jackson Street.

Parcel D is located on Turkey Hill Road, Route 21, just south of its junction with Route 202. Access is from Route 21.

E. Proposed Development

It is the intent of the BEDIC to continue to work with the State, the Town, local and regional boards and groups and appropriate business interests to create and implement a viable set of development projects resulting in increased Town tax revenue, the creation of new jobs and/or retention of existing jobs in the area. In addition, selected portions of the Site may be developed for recreational or other uses which will be of benefit to the Town. As this development continues, the BEDIC will transfer ownership of parcels of the property using established guidelines and processes to serve the best interests of the Town of Belchertown.

On Parcel D, the BEDIC will continue to work toward an approved subdivision plan which will permit the sale and development of additional lots. Efforts will also continue to achieve the redevelopment of parcel B. At this point, however, the vast majority of the area remaining for redevelopment in Parcel B consists of the main campus with its contaminated buildings and tunnels. Discussions and negotiations with potential developers over the past years have indicated clearly that private funding for redevelopment of this area will not be available until that contamination has been remediated; private investors are simply unwilling to assume the cost, and the risk of such an extensive decontamination effort. Fortunately, thanks to the efforts of our legislative delegation, State funding of \$10 million

for remediation has been authorized for bonding and has been further approved by the Governor. This funding has not yet been released for remediation of the site. When released it will be administered by Mass Development and will be an important aid in achieving further redevelopment of the campus area.

Although details of further development remain to be defined, for the present the BEDIC will continue to pursue site development in a coordinated approach. The BEDIC supports the concept of mixed use and multiple individual businesses, either under the guidance of a master developer or as a series of separate but coordinated projects. This might include projects such as: offices, retail businesses, light industry, appropriate residential such as assisted living, related continuum of care units, health facilities, "live/work" units, recreation, tourism and technology and education projects. Further expansion of municipal facilities may also be possible. We believe that the resource which was the former Belchertown State School is critical to the Town's future and we are committed to promoting the best and most appropriate development of the property.

F. Site Resources and Infrastructure

Parcel D is wooded and undeveloped. Parcel B is the remainder of the "main campus" of the former State School and contains all the remaining buildings, paved and unpaved roads and fields. There are unused service tunnels throughout the property. The property is closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The site is contaminated in many areas and the buildings are closed.

G. Zoning

Parcel B is zoned primarily as Business B with a smaller area zoned as Agricultural A. The entire parcel is covered by a zoning district as a "Business Neighborhood Center" zone, approved by Town Meeting in 2014. Parcel D is zoned entirely "Agricultural A". Zoning changes may be requested by the EDIC depending on the nature of the proposals for development which are received.

H. The Role of the Town, MassDevelopment and the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM)

The EDIC works closely with the leadership of the Town and with Town departments and boards to plan and approve development proposals. The parcels under BEDIC management have current subdivision plans approved by the Planning Board. These plans provide a general guide for the sale of lots for business. The plan is amended from time to time to accommodate specific needs of a particular project to allow for sufficient area, access or location. Further modifications of the plans will be developed with our Agent and current Master Developer, MassDevelopment.

For each area of either parcel a purchase and sale agreement is entered into by the EDIC with a purchaser. That specific sale must be certified by the Planning Board as being in keeping with this Town approved article. That certification is forwarded to the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance. DCAMM then gives final approval to the transfer of the designated parcel.

(Vote 2/3 required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 7 Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$3,750.00 for building repairs at the former Franklin School. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0- Yes)

(Vote –Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 8 Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$12,000.00 for roof and drain repairs at Jabish Brook Middle School. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-1-0 Yes)

Lynne Raymer, Finance Committee, clarified the \$12,000.00 is not the total cost to repair the roof and drainage, but to hire the engineer consultant who will determine the total repair cost.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Attest:

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD December 1, 2014
FY15**

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	\$73,776.00	\$79.00 from Town Clerk Wage to Town Administrator Salary, \$927.00 from Town Clerk Wage to Conservation Comm. Salary, \$2,537.00 from Fire Department Wage to Fire Department Salary, \$1,176.00 from Police Department Wage to Dog Officer Wage, \$2,560.00 from Fire Department Wage to Council on Aging Salary, \$5,120.00 from Fire Department Wage to Council on Aging Wage, \$17,217.00 from Fire Department Wage to Veterans' Agent Salary, \$2,560.00 from Fire Department Wage to Recreation Dept. Salary, \$1,600.00 from Fire Department Wage to Recreation Department Wage, \$40,000.00 from Fire Department Wage to Unemployment
2	\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00 from free cash to the Stabilization Fund
7	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00 from free cash for building repairs at the former Franklin School.
8	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00 from free cash for consultant to determine cost of roof and drain repairs at Jabish Brook Middle School
TOTAL	\$639,526.00	\$639,526.00

Attest:

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte

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